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CONVENTION.

Our 41st Convention has become a matter of history. Its memories are all that is left to us, coupled with the inspiration, the dynamic force which each received from its seasons of converse with one another, and of communion with our "unseen" Leader. Much was accomplished; more was left for future accomplishment. A full report of special meetings appear in this issue. The Convention sermon was a rousing call to service and to sacrifice, a stern challenge to cast our fears behind us, and to rely upon the power of our God to bring victory to us.

Dr. O'Brien gave a very charming talk upon the evils of alcohol as a beverage, and how really harmful it is to the human body in health, and unnecessary in sickness. Professor Concliffe spoke upon the Honolulu Conference between various nations interested in Pacific problems. A wider understanding of our brothers and sisters of different colour to ourselves is needed by us all, and we trust this may be the beginning of that golden time when the ideal of the great Apostle will become the actual, that there shall be neither black nor white, bond nor free, barbarian, Greek nor Jew, but all shall be one great family in Christ Jesus.

MRS DON'S RETIREMENT.

After a strenuous period as President, Mrs Don declined to be nominated again. She was nominated as Vice-President by Mrs Cole at the Dunedin Convention in 1912, and again at Nelson in 1913. In May, 1913, by the death of Mrs Cole, she became acting-President, and as such presided over the Gisborne

Convention. There, in 1914, she was elected President, and at Christchurch last month concluded twelve years of loving, loyal, and arduous service. She has worthily represented the Dominion Union at the World's Convention in London, and also at many State Conventions, as well as the National Jubilee Convention in the U.S.A. in 1924.

Mrs Don has given much of her time to visiting Unions and speaking at meetings and other public functions.

At the afternoon tea adjournment, after the election of officers, Convention took occasion to mark its appreciation of Mrs Don's leadership and its regret at losing such an able officer. On behalf of officers and delegates, Miss Atkinson presented Mrs Don with a purse-bag containing not gold, but paper currency. Miss Kirk also expressed the good wishes of delegates, and Mrs Peryman spoke a few words on behalf of the officers, the inner family circle, who more than all will miss their President and friend. Mrs Peryman spoke also of the pleasure it was to have Mrs Don still on our Executive as our Dominion Evangelistic Superintendent. In this department we all feel sure that Mrs Don will be an aid and an inspiration to us all in our work.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT.

Mrs T. E. Taylor, of Christchurch, was unanimously elected President. We all heartily welcomed her as our leader. As District President of North Canterbury, she won the love and loyalty of that District, and as acting-President during Mrs Don's absence we learnt to know her talents for leadership. Her intimate personal touch with each Union, her wide knowledge of our many

departments of work, her quiet persistence in keeping always to the work in hand, should be of great help to our Branches. We can promise Mrs Taylor the whole-hearted support of the Dominion officers and the love and loyalty of its members everywhere. May her term as President be marked by a great advance in all branches of our work, and the carrying of National Prohibition.

CONVENTION SUNDAY.

The Convention sermon was preached by Rev. Coursey in St. Paul's Church on the Sunday morning. The reverend gentleman took for his subject the despair of Elijah at the gross moral darkness that had descended upon the people of Israel, and God's comforting assurance that yet there were 7000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal. Elijah was a man of strong character. He had had a marvellous success on Mount Carmel, and yet so soon after he was found overwhelmed with despair, and uttering this growl, "I, even I, only am left."

There are many lessons for the present day in this story. Our age is a wonderful one, the like of which history contains no record. What marvellous progress! What wonderful inventions in the material world! But besides this, we have a great pleasure-loving age. How artificial is much of the present day life; what a break-up of family life; what a slackening of the moral fibre of the nation. All these things make ours a wonderful age, unlike any that has preceded it. We, too, like Elijah, may give way to despair, unless we re-

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

alise, as God taught him to realise, that progress in righteousness is being made, that even now there are 7000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

Women, in their quiet work, with their strong faith, hear the still small voice of God, which whispers of difficulties overcome and faith triumphant. True to their ideals, they must toil on, and victory is ever coming nearer and yet nearer. The women are not left to work alone. Much encouragement may be found in contemplating the many forces working with us and for us. Their aid is ever ours if we will believe in their presence, and be willing to work with them. Sometimes we are like Elijah, apt to think we are alone in the conflict, and so we fail to see all that is working for us, and we lose the inspiration and help which we should derive from the knowledge and recognition of these other forces silently co-operating with us.

Slowly, but yet surely, the international spirit is growing, love and brotherhood are becoming more than mere words, and the spirit of peace is extending her wings, and the day is hastening on when the whole planet shall abide beneath her outspread pinions. Partly we despair, because the war and its aftermath have torn the veil from before our eyes, and revealed evils in all their naked ugliness.

Seven thousand women in New Zealand are discouraged by forgetting that many others are silently working with them. * Scattered away, among the hills and valleys, in the lonely forests, and on quiet farms, are still to be found many who have never bowed the knee to Baal, and who will aid in the work to which we dedicate our lives, for God and Home and Humanity.

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We have passed another milestone on our long march to Prohibition, and though we have not written victory upon it, we can say, Ebenezer, for we fought a good fight, and as one of our workers recently said, "If beaten, we are not disgraced; if unsuccessful, we are still unconquered; and we face the future with hearts emboldened in the assurance that our cause is right."

As usual, we fought against heavy handicaps, the first of these being the unjust condition of the present law, which provides that Prohibition can only be carried by polling a majority of votes over the other two issues combined. The splendid majority vote for Prohibition (22,430 more than Continuance) proves once more that in a straight-out contest between these two issues, Prohibition would certainly win. The thousands of immigrants, who are many of them opposed to our reform, was another factor in our defeat, as were the Liquor Traffic's lies about the results of Prohibition in the United States, and the effort made on behalf of State Control by a few of the lesser dignitaries of the Anglican Church, all of which resulted in a considerable increase in the votes in favour of the middle issue. Nor could the alarming increase in drinking by women and young people have failed to affect the vote. Under these circumstances, the result of the poll, with its clear Prohibition majority, gives us every encouragement to fight on until victory comes. The voting was as follows:—For Prohibition, 319,450; for Continuance, 299,584; for State Control, 56,043. Yet we are as we were, in spite of this excellent vote, except for the loss of Ohinemuri, which, by the vote on the National question, indicated its desire to remain "dry" if the whole Dominion were the same. Ohinemuri is the only one of our dry electorates to move backward, as it was the only one which became dry because of a quarrel between the purchasers and sellers of alcoholic liquor as to the price of beer.

A writer on "The Need for Education" in the January number of the "Vanguard," reviewing the poll results, says: "The fact that the Prohibition vote increased by nearly 19,000 at the last poll is satisfactory as far as it goes, but remembering the large number of first time voters, the increase

should have been still larger. The inevitable conclusion, from consideration of the figures, is that there is still very much to be done in the way of education in regard to the evils of alcohol and the injurious effects of the Liquor Traffic on national life."

When our Union was first organised in New Zealand, over forty years ago, its slogan was, "Educate, Agitate, Organise, and Legislate," and the need for the progressive policy thus enjoined was never greater than it is to-day. From now onward we must concentrate on educative work, not only among our young people, but wherever we can get a group of listeners together—we must try to teach the true facts about Alcohol, that the depredations wrought by it may be brought home to the great body of public opinion. In pursuit of this policy, we must remember that education can only be undertaken successfully by those who are themselves informed as to the subject of which they treat. It behoves us all to keep abreast of the times, and not attempt to convince those whom we wish to convert to our own views by the use of stale literature and worn-out arguments.

Anna A. Gordon, our World's W.C.T.U. President, in her message to the Convention of that Union, held in Scotland last June said: "In our programme for the coming three years, the mobilisation of youth, and training of our boys and girls should be a first objective. Plans for the special training in scientific temperance and organisation work of our gifted young women should be one of the outstanding features of this Convention's plan of work. We must formulate for the leaders of to-morrow a programme that will equip youth with a knowledge of the moral, economic, and patriotic reasons for Total Abstinence and Prohibition."

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw said she never wasted any time trying to convince a person who had reached the age of 40 years. Her time and effort were directed to those just coming on the scene of action. Man/ workers complain that such effort is wasted—that young people are trained for a short time in our branches, and then go away, and the effort is lost. But such is not the case. Some impression is made upon their lives, by their connection with a branch for however short a time. It is like the migration of the birds. They are with us but for a little season.

but we never say, "Oh, why do they come with their songs and cheer to be with us for only a few weeks?" We enjoy them, they enrich our lives, and bring gladness to our hearts. The training of a young life strengthens and brings conviction to everyone who comes under its influence."

The underlying thought plainly visible in all the reports of various other Temperance organisations similar in their aims to our own W.C.T.U., and in all the addresses given at Conventions in America and other countries, is the extreme importance of educating young people. The neglect of this work in past years has been largely responsible for the deplorable increase in the drinking habit among young people of both sexes to-day, and the proportion of new votes cast in favour of Prohibition at the recent poll was much less than has been the case in previous elections because of it. While trying to repair this neglect by increased energy in our young people's work, we must go further back still, and secure more teaching for the children on this most important subject.

In the schools of New Zealand since 1921 the teaching of scientific facts with regard to the influence of alcohol on the human body and mind, has been a compulsory subject on the school syllabus. Whilst we believe that conditions to-day are, as far as we can gather, better than formerly, there is much room for improvement in this matter in the State schools as a whole. The special teaching of the scientific facts about alcohol comes under the heading of "Health and Hygiene," and though scheduled as a compulsory subject, we believe we are right in saying that no specific time is allotted to it. The subject generally, and particularly the truth about the effect of alcohol on individuals, is of such vital importance to national health that despite objections as to the crowded syllabus, our opinion is that a definite amount of time should be set apart in each week for the teaching of these facts. Such teaching ought to be supplemented by our Unions in Band of Hope and L.T.L. work, for the children of to-day are the voters of to-morrow, and what is learned in childhood colours one's thoughts all through life.

LOCARNO PACT.

October 16th, 1925, will now be a notable day in our Peace Department, for what may prove to be a period of peace has been ushered in by the sign-

ing of the Locarno Pact, which is said to be the most important step along the universal peace highway since the Armistice terminated the Great World War. If the nations who are parties to this great covenant keep faith, the sword will be put aside for the modern equivalent for the reaping hook. We trust that this historic pact may be of great assistance in furthering the objects of the League of Nations, the prelude to general disarmament, and the abolition of war as a method of settling international disputes. Mr J. L. Garven writes in the "Observer":—"We may say that nearly seven years after the Armistice were spent in disagreements about architects' plans, at Locarno the foundation stone of European Peace was solidly laid."

While rejoicing in this happy issue, let us remember that we can assist with the building and help the group of nations to preserve law and order by education. Much may be done by definite teaching as to the need for and blessedness of Peace. There is still too much glorification of war in our schools, cinemas, literature, and life. Could not this be reversed, and teaching in the interests of Peace replace it in our schools and seats of learning? Thus the spirit of unity and amity among all the peoples of the earth would be spread, until Peace has been universally and permanently established.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

Will America go back?" is the oft reiterated question as the Press continue to publish so-called facts about the inefficacy of Prohibition. The news which comes by every mail from reliable sources enables us to say with increasing confidence, "never," and Miss Evangeline Booth's song, sung so lustily by thousands of our American White Ribboners, comes to memory—

"You can hear the chorus swelling

At Liquor's overthrow,

From Atlantic's sun-lit bosom

To the Western after-glow,

From the summer land of Dixie

To the borderland of snow,

From the throbbing heart vibrations

Of the nation's radio—

Shall America go back?

We answer, No, No, No!"

From a book entitled "Prohibition Has Justified Itself," published at the close of 1925, we find statements made by many of the foremost men of affairs—educators, physicians, leading manu-

facturers, railroad presidents, bankers, and others—statements which cannot be disputed, and which, according to our World's President, "are facts supported by a dry backbone, not fancies wobbling on a wet wishbone." It is impossible to give the briefest synopsis of the contents, but I cull the following as likely to be of the most interest to ourselves.

1. Health. One of the diagnosticians of the United States Health Department, Dr. Haven Emerson, of Columbia University, New York, believes that nothing has so directly contributed to the reduction of preventable deaths, and the improved health of the community, particularly that of women and children, as the closing of the saloons. In the three years following Prohibition enactment mortality rates have been lowered one million.

2. Education. School attendance has made a record increase because thousands of young people and children are now attending school who, under License, were forced to support drunken parents. Said Frank B. Trotter, President of the West Virginia University: "The fact that a boy now and then gets drunk amounts to nothing as compared with the fact that we are not making drunkards daily."

3. Business Prosperity. With no revenue from the Liquor Traffic, America has made good financially. Savings Bank deposits have greatly increased, investments by small wage-earners have risen by leaps and bounds. Other factors enter into the increased wealth of America to some extent, but Prohibition should have the major credit.

4. Happy Homes and Protected Children. In the areas of the cities formerly occupied by saloons one sees to-day, well-fed, well-clothed, happy, laughing children, who have every chance to become loyal citizens in the future. At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Union Aid Society, in Decorah, Iowa, it was stated that during the time of open saloons this Society's expenditure for children's clothing was 300 dollars a year, while last year it spent only 30 dollars. This is considered to be the best "dry" fact of all, and these facts speak for themselves.

OBITUARY.

The obituary list of the year contains many notable names. Among them that of the Rev. John Dawson. He was always a staunch friend of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and his passing is an irreparable loss

to us all. In my early days of campaigning he was a tower of strength to me, and I owe much to his kindly help and advice. A few days before his death I saw him for the final farewell, when he said, "The old anchor still holds." And we can rejoice that he is now anchored in the Haven of Rest. He builded well, this great-souled comrade, and the memory of his work will live in our hearts always, and be an inspiration to more devoted service.

A great gap has been created in the public life of New Zealand through the death of the late W. F. Massey, Prime Minister for nearly thirteen successive years, to whom remarkable tributes of esteem were paid from all parts of the Empire, and from the Allies of Great Britain.

The Royal Family was bereaved late in the year by the death of Queen Alexandra, who is mourned throughout the British Empire, and whose passing evoked recognition of the rare combination of qualities in this most gracious personality.

Beside these notable persons there were some from our own Union, whose loss we mourn to-day. In the closing days of 1925, Mrs Whincop, ex-President of the Greytown Union, went home to God. For fourteen years she was linked up with the Union, first in Masterton, and then in Greytown. Her last effort against the liquor traffic was to record her vote at the November election. A few weeks later she "laid hold on Eternal life" whereunto she was called. On the last day in the last week of 1925, we lost another valued worker from the Ashburton Union. Mrs George Bowman was one of the most tactful and faithful workers in the Prohibition movement, and was never happier than in being of service to others. Already in the press and in our own paper tender tributes have been paid to our comrades, but we now express our sympathy with their bereaved. May the Prince of Peace speak comfortably to every heart.

Turning now from consideration of the past to look forward to the future, a wonderful programme of development and service opens before us.

Beginning with Organisation, let us have a campaign for increased membership, each Union a recruiting station, each member a commissioned officer to win the new recruits. Hold meetings wherever you can—in schools, halls, or private houses.

More must be done to influence legislators. Each Union should get into personal touch with its own representative. Let him know what you are doing, and know from him what the House is doing. Let him realise that you are looking to him to work for the elimination of the third issue and the provision of a two-issue ballot paper at next election.

Individual members of every local Union must realise that the needful education work is not to be undertaken by the leaders alone. All must take pains to know the facts about Total Abstinence, and the evils of alcohol, and then tell them to friends and neighbours. Upon us rests the responsibility and the obligation to build up so strong a sentiment for Prohibition that the Liquor Traffic will no longer be tolerated. And let us try to keep the women constantly interested, having more parades, picnics, Prohibition parties, and anything possible to keep the subject constantly before us.

Let us resolve to consecrate ourselves, our money, our talents, to the work of God, and in His love, with joy and unity of purpose, go forward in the spirit of prayer.

Someone has said, "Prayer is an applied science—a method of moving the arm of God, according to His own direction and in harmony with His own will." When concentrated on any one petition, "focussed prayer" is the most powerful dynamic force, and it is strange that we allow such a power to be so feebly used, and so frequently neglected.

The greatest miracles ever wrought were those wrought in answer to prayer. Prayer divided seas, rolled up flowing rivers, made of a flinty rock a gushing fountain, marshalled the stars against the wicked, stopped the course of the moon, arrested the sun in its great race, brought one man from the bottom of the sea, carried another in a chariot of fire, stopped rain from falling for three years, muzzled lions, commanded legions of angels from Heaven, conquered devils, healed diseases, and claimed victories. He who gave the power to do these wonders is the same unchanging God. The Lord of Hosts is His name, who is with us to-day. Let us remember and dwell upon these great acts of omnipotent power, that our faith may be strengthened, our enthusiasm re-kindled, and that we may consecrate our lives afresh, moving for-

ward in His strength to help to bring His Kingdom into all hearts, all homes, and all Governments.

I WILL PAINT YOU A SIGN.

I will paint you a sign, drink seller,
and hang it over your door;
ever you had before.

I will paint with the skill of a master,
and many shall pause to see
This wonderful piece of painting, so
like the reality.

I will paint you a sign, drink seller,
as you wait for the stalwart boy,
Who is just in the morn of manhood,
his mother's hope and joy,
He has no thought of drinking till
you greet him with a smile,
And you seem so blithe and friendly
that he stops to think awhile.

And I will next paint him a drunkard,
that only a year has flown,
But into his loathsome creature that
fair young boy had grown.
The work was sure and rapid,—I will
paint him as he lies
In a torpid drunken slumber, under
the wintry skies.

I will paint you a form of the mother,
as she kneels at her darling's
side,—
Her beautiful boy that was dearer
than all the world beside.
I will paint you the shape of a coffin
labelled with one word—"Lost!"
I will paint all this, drink-seller, and
I will paint it free of cost.

The sin, and the shame, and sorrow,
the crime and want and woe,
That are born there—in your drink-
shop—no hand can paint you
know;
But I'll paint you a sign, drink-seller,
and many shall pause to view
This wonderful, swinging sign-board,
—so terribly fearfully true!

EPILEPTICS.

"Ten per cent. of the epileptics here are entirely and absolutely traceable to alcohol. As to those indirectly due, I cannot deal in percentages but take this from me: 'Wipe out drink and syphilis, and you can shut up every asylum, every mental hospital, every nerve hospital in Christendom.'"

SPECIALS.

BLUFF.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

A very successful function was held in Willard Hall on Wednesday, March 17th, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Bluff Branch of the W.C.T.U. The hall, which had been decorated with flowers, etc., presented a very pretty appearance. There was a large attendance of ladies and representatives from the Central, South, and North Invercargill Branches.

In the absence of the President (Mrs Donaldson), who is on a visit to the Home Land, Mrs McGregor (President pro tem.) presided over the large gathering. After a few introductory remarks and the singing of the Doxology, the President read the Hundredth Psalm and engaged in prayer.

The minutes of the first meeting held in the Presbyterian Church twenty-five years ago, were read by the Secretary (Miss Mitchell), who has held that position for the twenty-five years.

Congratulatory letters and several apologies were read by Mrs W. H. Johnstone. One containing a donation from Mrs Harper, the only one left of the five Invercargill members who came to Bluff to start the Union. It was largely due to Mrs Harper, who, along with Mrs Mitchell, our oldest member, that the Union was established in Bluff.

Afternoon tea was then served, great interest being taken in the birthday cake, which had place of honour on a table in the centre of the hall. The cake, which was adorned with twenty-five candles, and bearing the following inscription: "Bluff W.C.T.U., 1901 to 1926; for God, Home, and Humanity," was made by one of the members (Mrs Barber), and iced by one of the local bakers (Mr Weir), whose mother, since passed to her rest, joined the Union at the first meeting.

Addresses were given by Mesdames Lillicrap and McKenzie (Central), Miss Dewar (North), and Mrs Dawson (South). Mrs McKenzie, in her address, emphasised the fact that we should never forget the brave women who pioneered the work of the Unions.

Musical items were rendered by Mesdames Adair, J. Walker, Sheadman, Creagh, Miss McKenzie, and Mrs Wesley (Invercargill).

The cake, which was cut by Mrs Mitchell, proved most delicious. What

was left was then cut by Mrs J. Walker (the only member remaining at the present time who joined at the first meeting), and sold for threepence a slice.

Several donations were received towards the funds of the Union.

Two competitions brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The Executive met on Wednesday, April 7th, at W.C.T.U. Rooms, Manchester Street. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided over representatives from Sefton, Rangiora, Cheviot, Oxford, Kaiapoi, Styx, Belfast, Papanui, Springston, Lincoln, Riccarton, Sydenham, Opawa, New Brighton, Lyttelton, Templeton, Grey-mouth, Spreydon, and Christchurch.

Mrs W. J. Williams led the devotions, after which the members' temperance pledge was repeated.

A letter of thanks and appreciation was received from Mrs West-Watson in answer to a letter of welcome from the District officers.

The reports from the several Unions showed increased membership, a new Union being organised at Styx, with 17 members. Mrs Richards reported that 27 letters had been written to scattered members, and 12 copies of the "White Ribbon" had been sent; answers had been received from 12. Decided to leave the matter of collecting fees in the hands of Mrs Richards.

Fifteen Superintendents of Departments were present by invitation of the Executive, representing Cradle Roll, L.T.L., Band of Hope, Notable Days, Legal and Parliamentary, Peace and Arbitration, and Scientific Temperance. Several Superintendents reported on their work, full discussion and questions following. In this way, it was felt that Unions new to the work would gain a fuller insight and interest in the different departments.

Temperance prize essays were fully discussed, a number of Unions reporting on this work. It was decided that No. 13 be the subject for the temperance essay, and it was suggested that prizes be offered to the lower standards also.

The Kaiapoi Union is hoping to open a new hall in the near future, part of which is to be used as a rest room.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

March 31. The District officers visited Seddon and formed a Union.

Mrs Grigg (President) presided, and on account of the very wet afternoon the attendance was small, but there is every hope of a bright and active Union working here. Mrs Grigg spoke a few words on the forming of a Union. The initiation service was read, five ladies joining.

The election of officers then took place: Pres., Mrs Kimberly; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Riley and Gainsford; Sec., Mrs R. Cameron; Treas., Mrs C. Hammond; W.R. Agent and Press Reporter, Miss Cameron.

Mrs Grigg then said a few words on the origin and history of the W.C.T.U.

MARRIAGE BAN ON DRUNKARDS.

Dr. T. B. Hyslop, the distinguished alienist, who was for some years medical superintendent of Bethlem Hospital, has published a book discussing problems of insanity that may well become the centre of discussion and perhaps controversy among both medical men and the laity.

Alcoholism is one of the subjects dealt with in the book, which is entitled "The Borderland." Dr. Hyslop says:—

"We see so many evidences of degeneration resulting from alcoholism in parents that I am strongly of opinion that just as the habitual drunkard is deprived of his liberty . . . so the existence of the alcoholic habit should be considered as a bar to matrimony.

"Any person who has made alcohol a necessity, or is unable to resist the temptation to indulge in alcohol, may attain to a certain degree of success in mind or in pocket, but, biologically considered, the world would have been the better had he not born into it; and, needless to say, the marriage of such an one is, in my opinion, a biological sin, and ought to be barred by law.

For practical purposes, three convictions for drunkenness should debar such persons from the risk of polluting the community by the propagation of degenerates." of degenerates."

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NOTES FROM EDITOR'S DESK.

The Ponsonby Union has sent a protest to the Post Office re the placing of advertisements for Dewar's whisky on booklets for stamps. The Secretary has sent the usual stereotyped reply that "the representations have been noted for consideration when fresh booklets are being prepared."

It would be well to follow up this lead. Why should they who buy these booklets and bring them into their homes be compelled, upon the front cover to see "All 'sports' drink Dewar's Imperial whisky." This office never buys stamps in booklet form, and never will while the Government advertises such lies upon their cover. It is a well-known fact that sports, or even those training for sports, never touch whisky. The universal testimony of coaches for cricket, football, and all kinds of "sport" is that while in training drinking and smoking are forbidden. Why then should the Government issue a pamphlet telling our young people such a falsehood. The way to the town of Mansoul is largely through Eye Gate, and here is an enemy enter-

ing that gate. It is alright to increase postal revenue by advertising on booklets; it is all wrong to allow advertisers to make false statements. White Ribboners, "Watch."

"Eternal vigilance is the price of safety."

PROHIBITION IN U.S.A.

The wets are making things lively in U.S.A. They have evidently abandoned the hope of persuading the citizens of U.S.A. that Prohibition is a failure, and are now endeavouring to convince other countries of the fact. If they could get United States citizens to think Prohibition a failure, they could easily repeal the 18th Amendment. But they are not attempting to do that. They know they have no hope there.

The latest move in the game is to state that the Prohibition law is not enforced. Over 400 newspapers, "wet," in sympathy, are conducting a poll on modification of the Enforcement Code. These papers show a ratio of 75 to 1 in favour of modification; but they are very careful not to state the ratio of their vote as against the total number of people in the U.S.A. If they gave us this we would know the truth, viz., that Prohibitionists will not participate in this newspaper unofficial balloting, but will use their ballot in the official votes taken. Hence they vote for a "dry" Congress and a "dry" President.

Very much publicity has been given to the report of the survey of the Federal Council of the Churches. Now, this report was made by a small sub-committee, and given to the Press before the whole committee considered it. The press took certain parts from it, and interjected headlines. The report was intended to stir the church people to realise that the liquor interests are not yet dead, and intend to undermine in a subtle way the public sentiment, which is now for Prohibition. The "wet" press never cabled us the last part of the report, which declared that the Church stands for law observance, and must be keen not to allow violations of the law.

Dr. Cadman, President of the Federal Council of the Churches, has finally called a halt to the "wets" using the report of the Council to further their plans to break down the law.

Miss Anna A. Gordon, our World President, writes as follows:—

"We hope you are not unduly disturbed by a report just given publicly by Dr. Empringham, of the Episcopal Church, in which he claims that the

Church Temperance Society of this denomination favours modification of our Prohibition law, to allow light wines and beer.

"Dr. Empringham's statement is quite generally disclaimed by the Episcopal bishops and clergy. Yesterday, Bishop William T. Manning, in his sermon at the Church of St. John the Divine, in Chicago, repudiated Dr. Empringham's statement. He said 'The Temperance Society does not speak for the Episcopal Churches of either the nation or the diocese of New York.' He added: 'This Society has no official authorisation, and no right whatever to speak in the name of the Episcopal Church. For some years past the Church has scarcely been aware of the existence of this Society. The mind of the House of Bishops on the subject of Prohibition was expressed at the General Convention in New Orleans last October by the adoption of a resolution which welcomed the renewed efforts of the Government of the United States to enforce strictly and impartially the Prohibition laws.' Bishop Manning made an earnest appeal for Prohibition enforcement, and expressed the belief that the country would never repeal the 18th Amendment or the Volstead Act."

OURSELVES.

We hope all our members will read the "White Ribbon" report in this issue, and see the need of earnest effort in this department of our work. Convention decided that "White Ribbon" Day is to be kept on June 15, or as near that date as possible, and have appointed a day in November as Maori Day. Will all Unions endeavour to give an afternoon meeting to the "White Ribbon," and have suggestions on how to increase its circulation and its usefulness? We hope to be able to visit some of the Unions on that day. We must grow or we will die.

PUBLIC MEETING.

"PACIFIC RELATIONS."

(By Professor Condliffe.)

Mrs Taylor, who occupied the chair, briefly pointed out in introducing the speaker, that the question of International Relations has been one of our departments of work under the title of Peace and Arbitration.

Miss Jennings sang a couple of delightful songs as a prelude to the lecture.

Professor Condliffe apologised for the absence of the lantern slides promised. Recently he had been to Honolulu to a Convention of Nations. The first jaw-breaking title of the subject to be discussed sent a number of delegates home by the first boat. The idea of the Conference originated with the Y.M.C.A., but on account of its expense, the idea of the Convention changed somewhat, too late for the substitution of fresh delegates from most of the countries represented. Journalists, missionaries, and social workers came from America, politicians and statesmen from Japan and China. A representative of the Chinese Christian Church was an outstanding figure in the Convention, and will certainly be heard of more prominently anon. Australia had the first speaker, Mr. Roberts, of Melbourne, who impressed everyone with the breadth of his views and the abundance of his information.

Mr Koo held attention at once by his compelling personality and set the tone of the Convention very high.

Following the opening, methods were introduced new in character, which should bring to light main issues to be discussed in groups, and report to the whole Institute. The result is a great difficulty when dealing with large problems, but by pooling wisdom and information it worked better than might have been expected. Choice of chairmen of groups was an important point. Some experts occupied too much time in ex-

plaining what the business was. Juniors were the best on the whole. This Institute and its organisation is something quite new. Three types of representation are required: scientists, business men, and idealists. From 112 subjects, that selected by vote as of first importance, was immigration. It would be quite disastrous to admit large blocks of Asiatic immigrants into either New Zealand or Australia, and the subject was not interesting to the Conference. The United States Bill to exclude Japanese as such was not liked. The only point Japan and China are concerned about is the national relationships. Problems of economics were mainly concerned with Western commercial methods. Modernly equipped factories are to be found in the neighbourhood of tiny villages around Bombay. Towns are built to accommodate workers much as they were in the early part of the 19th century in England, i.e., with more regard to cheapness than sanitation or health. One arrives at the healthiness of such towns by the rate of infant mortality. In Bombay, the infant death-rate was 649 per 1000. Such babies as live are often drugged by opium to keep them quiet. Housing problems in Bombay are probably worse than anywhere else in the world, and in China and Japan are also very bad. Students, especially in China, are smouldering in rebellion against all civilisation. There are injudicious missionaries who do not improve the state of things, though, fortunately, these are few. No conclu-

sions were arrived at. Only one resolution—that of thanks for hospitality—was passed. The purpose of the Conference was not to pass resolutions, but to discuss and gain instruction on problems.

The early Hawaiian missionaries were earnest people, and their descendants became very wealthy, but regard their wealth as a trust, and spend it wisely. It is probably the most mixed nationality country in the world, but has no race problem. It may be considered a test of how far friendliness can exist among different peoples. The Institute was formed on similar lines for the same purpose. A small committee was formed in the United States to carry the Institute on permanently. A very large grant was obtained from the Carnegie Trustees.

In Japan the scheme has been received most favourably. In China there are over 100 Study Circles in Universities considering the matter. Little effect will result on the history of the world from our influence, New Zealand being so small, but we have some influence, and it was used to support the Mother Country. The point made is that there can be no peace in the Pacific without the whole nations of the world having some say in it. The welfare of the native races is also a first charge on all Governments concerned. Such are the conditions, that New Zealand cannot afford to be out of the social, economic and religious movements that are taking place.



MEMBERS OF FIRST CONVENTION, 1926.

THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON HUMAN BODY.

A lecture given by Dr. O'Brien. Mrs. Don in the chair.

The Doctor said probably his audience had been disappointed at the late election, but it was not a good thing to force a law upon an unwilling people. We are educating the public, and there can be no two opinions upon the question that the community would be better off without the beverage use of alcohol. The Prohibition voters were thinkers, but with the exception of a few astute minds leading them, the unthinking vote was wet.

Alcohol is not a necessity. It interferes with the vital processes. These are food, warmth, circulation of the blood, and reproduction.

Food: God knows His own business, and in milk has given a perfect food. Milk contains no alcohol, but it contains all the necessary elements for growth, development, and reproduction. As we grow beyond infancy, we replace the albumen of the milk with meat, fish, fruits and cheese; its fats by milk and butter and its sugar by cane sugar and starches. These three classes are all that are required. Sterilising food destroys its vitamins.

Alcohol is not a food. When we take more food than is required—and most of us do this—the body stores it all up for future uses. It stores sugar in the liver, fat in the fatty tissues, and albumen in the blood. The body never throws out food in health. In diseased conditions, like diabetes and Bright's disease, it may do this, but never when in a healthy state. But let a person take alcohol, and immediately the body does its best to get rid of it. Not one drop is stored up; it is breathed out, and in from 12 to 24 hours it is all thrown out. When food is taken, the stomach digests, but does not absorb it; the digestive fluids liquify the food, turn starch into sugar, and in other ways prepare it for absorption into the blood. These food stuffs are poured into the blood as they are needed, and never more at one time than the body can deal with. No digestive fluid will digest alcohol; it is absorbed into the blood from the stomach as alcohol, and we cannot stop the absorption of alcohol. The body only absorbs sugar as it requires, but it goes on absorbing alcohol until the person dies. One-tenth

of 1 per cent. of alcohol in the blood causes drunkenness, the half of 1 per cent. of alcohol in the blood causes death. The body stores up food, and can then go without food for days, but it cannot store alcohol, it cannot digest alcohol, it cannot convert alcohol into body tissues. It gets rid of alcohol as speedily as possible. Alcohol is not a food. But alcohol, while circulating, damages the tissues, such as the brain and kidney cells. It contains no nitrogen, so it cannot replenish the body.

Alcohol and the Heart. The heart beats all day and night right throughout life, and this beat must not be interfered with. The normal beat of the heart is equal to the work of lifting 120 tons one foot each day. If two ounces of alcohol is taken it increases the heart's beat by 8000, and thus increases the heart's work an increase equal to lifting 15 tons one foot a day. The heart is controlled by the lower brain, called sometimes the subconscious, and this never sleeps. Two nerves control the heart's action, the accelerator and pneumo-gastric. Alcohol puts the pneumo gastric nerve to sleep, removing the control, and allows the accelerator to run away with the heart. The heart never sleeps, and its control nerve should never sleep. Alcohol puts this nerve to sleep, and allows the heart to be tired out. When we lie down at night to rest the heart does 10 beats a minute less. But if alcohol has been taken before retiring, it causes fast beat, and so the drinker wakes up tired.

Heat and Cold. The limits of temperature within which man lives are very narrow. Life ceases below 97 degrees and above 105 degrees. The vaso-motor centre in brain controls the temperature of the body. It never sleeps. If subject to extreme cold, it allows extremities to cool, but keeps vital organs warm. Alcohol puts the vaso-motor to sleep, and the man who drinks radiates the heat from his body instead of the vital organs being kept warm.

Reproduction is interfered with by alcohol. Stockard made extensive experiments with guinea pigs—about 8000 of them. The guinea pig won't drink alcohol, so Stockard caused them to inhale it. He mated a male guinea pig alcoholised with a normal female, a drunken female with a normal male, and both guinea pigs drunk when mated. The results were always the

same. He got premature births and deformities. He took some of these offsprings, who looked alright, and bred them with normal guinea pigs, giving no alcohol after the first pair. The second and third generation were deformed, and it was the fourth generation before the offspring were normal.

Having shown how perniciously alcohol interferes with vital principles, should its sale be continued because some like it?

When is a man drunk? No man who drives a public conveyance should take liquor in business hours. Alcohol paralyses the higher faculties, judgment, self-esteem, and self-criticism, puts them to sleep.

Alcohol can be done without. It endangers self and loved ones, injures one's offspring. Teach the young never to touch alcohol, and set them the example.

OUR ADVICE TO TEMPERANCE WORKERS.

1. Don't be down in the mouth. Remember Jonah. He was down in the mouth, but he came out all right.
2. Don't quit because of squalls. Try and be like the hospital steam-kettle. He's nearly always up to his neck in hot water, but he keeps on singing all the time!
3. Opportunity is like a street car with few stopping places. Jump on quick when you see one. There's many a grand opportunity of winning over a voter or two to our Cause, and just remember V-O-T-E spells V-E-T-O.
4. Yesterday is only a Dream; Tomorrow is only a Vision; but Today is Yours. Help the cause NOW.

"Grandfather History, what have we here?"

"A pirate, a slave, and a bottle of beer—Three old outlaws behind the bars!"

"Make room for a fourth one—Old Man Mars!"

—Harry Bundy Wells.

"WHITE RIBBON" REPORT.

Our circulation shows a slight increase. It is now 4490, that is 116 more than December, 1924. Our credit balance is smaller. We have not received less, but we have spent more. On several occasions the paper was enlarged by four pages, and many more blocks have been used.

We would strongly urge upon our Unions the urgent need to increase our circulation. It makes our work known, and it educates Temperance voters. Quite half our Unions never gained one new subscriber during the whole of 1925. More than half our own members do not subscribe to our own official organ. May we ask Unions everywhere to do their share this year? We would suggest the following hints to our Branches:—

(1) Appoint a real live wire as your W.R. Agent. Don't leave all the work to her, but every member try to bring subscribers to the Agent.

(2) Report at your meeting upon what you have done, how many you asked to subscribe, and how many you actually gained. It would help to make your meetings interesting.

(3) Send along interesting reports of your meetings for our columns.

(4) Talk about our paper, call your friends' attention to articles in it, and in every way strive to make it known.

Our special thanks are due to Miss Earnshaw for 75 new subscribers; to

Mrs Judson, our colleague, for much help rendered; to Mr Lynneberg, for auditing our accounts; and to our White Ribbon agents, who have done such splendid service for the year.

The following Unions are on our Roll of Honour for new subscribers gained in 1925:—Fordell, 34; Wairoa, H.B., 22; Roxburgh, 21; Geraldine, 19; Winton, 15; Sumner, 14; Pleasant Point, 13; Christchurch, 10; Belfast and Westport, 10; Dunedin and Rakaiia, 8; Otaki, Onehunga, Mataura, Oamaru, Palmerston North, Wellington Central, and Hamilton, 7.

A pleasing feature is that the District Unions are taking up the work of circulating the "White Ribbon," and Southland, with 24 subscribers, and North Canterbury, with 12, lead the way.

Our slogan for 1926: Double our circulation. It can be done if the Unions wake up to its need.

Wishing you all a very pleasant and prosperous year's work.

Yours for service,

NELLIE PERYMAN,

Editor "W.R."

(The city of Glasgow, Scotland, on October 20, by a vote of 40 to 36, adopted a resolution to ban all alcoholic liquors at civic banquets.

W.C.T.U. PEACE DAY.

Once again I wish to remind all our Branches of the W.C.T.U. Peace Day, the third Monday in May, falling this year on May 17th. I trust that every Union, however small, will try to observe this day, if only two or three are able to unite in so doing, that we may obtain the full benefit of our united thought and prayer; remembering always that where two or three are gathered together in His Name, there will He be to help and to bless the effort put forth. And will any who are not able to leave their homes on that day also remember that the earnest prayer of the individual will still have effect, and add strength to the united petition of our whole Union

MARIAN JUDSON, Peace Supt.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments, exclusive of capitation fees, have been received since the date of last report:—

Organising Fund.

Inglewood, £2 8s.

World's Missionary Fund.

New Plymouth, £2 2s; Lower Hutt, £1 1s; Wanganui Central, 14s; Auckland Y, 12s 6d; Riccarton, 11s; New Brighton, 10s; Sumner, 6s 6d; Taumarunui, 3s.

E. L. R. BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 9th April, 1926.

"WHITE RIBBON" ACCOUNT.**Balance-Sheet for Year ending December 31st, 1925.**

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in Hand, December 31st, 1924	76	14 9	Printing and Publishing for 1925	465	2 4
Subscriptions and Sales for 1925	566	8 0	Postages	133	12 6
Advertisements for 1925	77	0 0	Blocks	5	11 8
Donations	1	10 0	Wrappers	17	5 1
Legacy from Miss Butterick's Estate	10	0 0	Stationery	11	6 6
Grant from N.Z. Fund (Telephone)	5	0 0	Telephone	8	17 6
			Salary Business Manager	15	0 0
			Travelling Expenses	7	1 0
			Bank Charges	0	14 0
			Prizes for Puzzlers	2	2 7
			Clerical Assistance	23	10 0
			Balance in Hand, December 31st, 1925	46	9 7
	£736	12 9		£736	12 9

The Books and Vouchers in connection with this Balance-Sheet have been duly examined, and found correct.

BIRGER LYNNEBERG, R.A.

NELLIE PERYMAN, Business Manager.

Ngalo, April 16th, 1926.

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The books, etc., are lent to any member of the W.C.T.U. for one month on receipt of postage.

Those borrowing the books for circulation amongst members of their Union are asked to state the fact when applying, also how long they wish to have them; otherwise they are liable to be asked to forward them to the next applicant at the end of the month.

MRS FIELD,
The Rocks, Nelson.

HARD ON HIM.

Dot: Is it true that you proposed to Alice and were rejected? Ted: Not exactly rejected. She said that when she felt like making a fool of herself she'd let me know.

PERSONAL.

All members will regret to hear of the serious illness of Mrs Johnson Wright, our late Evangelistic Superintendent. She was in her place at the beginning of Convention, but had to seek medical advice and to keep her bed for the greater part of Convention. She was very tenderly cared for by her hostess, and later on brought to her home in Wellington by her sister, Mrs Cummings. She now lies there very seriously ill in body, but calm and tranquil in mind, leaving herself in the Father's keeping.

All White Ribboners will pray that our much loved fellow-worker may be kept in perfect peace and rest, cradled in the "Everlasting Arms."

Our World Missionary, Mrs Cowie, is "twitching her mantle" to betake itself to "fresh fields and pastures new." She leaves New Zealand in the Niagara on May 11th for a six months' stay in Honolulu. We wish her a safe and speedy passage, a pleasant holiday, and an early return to help us in our work in this Dominion.

We are all distressed to know our dear old friend and fellow-worker, Mrs Norrie, is laid aside from active work, and is suffering rather severely. Many friends have sent letters of sympathy, for which she is grateful. The love and sympathy and the bright letters have cheered and helped her in the dark and troubled time of suffering. But Mrs Norrie cannot reply personally, owing to her weakness. Will all those who have written please accept her thanks and her appreciation through the columns of our paper? She bids me tell you how your loving messages have cheered her, and how the knowledge that we are all remembering her in our prayers is strengthening and sustaining her. May the Great Physician speedily restore her to health and strength to continue the work she loves so well and does so cheerfully and capably. May the day be far distant when Mrs Norrie's bright smile and cheery presence is missed from another Convention.

LIBERTY OF THE SUBJECT.

The right to degrade himself is the drunkard's idea of liberty; the right to make men drunk the liquor traffic's; the right to keep men sober the Prohibitionist's.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

What is that, and how do I get my name on it?

Well, any Union can get its name on our Roll of Honour by increasing its list of "White Ribbon" subscribers by 50 per cent. Now, who will be the first to go on?

But why should I get more subscribers?

1. Because I want to have a dry and sober Dominion.
2. Because the only way to get this is to educate voters, particularly first voters and young people.
3. Because if you want the youth educated, it is a good plan to start with their mothers and educate them.
4. Because the "White Ribbon" contains much that is educative, and tells the truth without fear or favour, and gets its facts straight from those who are doing the work.

How shall I gain new subscribers?

1. Pray about it! Think about it! Talk about it!
2. Send to the Business Manager and get a few copies to give away, and then introduce it to your friends.
3. When people ask you the facts about Prohibition or other matters, refer them to what you read in "White Ribbon." And if you don't find what you want there, write to the Editor and ask for it to be put in next time.
4. Ask your men friends to give a year's subscription as a present to their wives or mothers. Thirteen years ago two young men paid a year's sub. for their mothers, and it has been renewed every year since by mother.

Here is a testimony of its usefulness from a State officer of the W.C.T.U. in U.S.A.:—

"The last copy of the 'White Ribbon' has done itself proud in the Woman's Police article. It so happened that we have a Bill before Congress providing a legal status for our Woman's Bureau and an enlargement of its work and workers. Yesterday there was a hearing before Congress, and one of the questions put to the first witness was,

'Is there anything tangible you can tell of such bureaus in other countries?' So the 'White Ribbon' was slipped into the hands of the chief to be used at rebuttal time."

WHO KILLED GOOD GOVERNMENT.

"I," admitted the busy man. "I said I hadn't time to attend to civic duties. I did not vote."

"I," regretted the thoughtless woman. "I let a rainy election day keep me from the polls. I did not vote."

"I," bewailed the lazy citizen. "I declared I wasn't interested in politics and I never used my ballot. I did not vote."

"I," cried the pessimist. "I excused myself from my duties as a citizen by saying that all candidates are bad and it wasn't any use to vote. I did not vote."

"I," confessed the delinquent voter. "I was a 'rocking chair patriot' and quieted my conscience by telling it that the election would go all right without my help. I did not vote."—"Union Signal."

HE TOLD WHY.

Asked why he became a teetotaler the Bishop of London replied: "I am a teetotaler to try and help other people. I have been a teetotaler for about twenty-five years, because in my ministerial work I found many of my brothers were tempted to drink. The fact that I was not myself tempted did not in the least prevent my feeling that even Christ did not please Himself. Christ did not claim His rights: He laid His rights aside. Therefore, if you can help a brother by laying aside any right you may have, it seems to me you are only trying to follow Him in the right spirit."—"Scottish Temperance Reformer."

UNCONTROLLABLE.

No Government ever did control the traffic of liquor, and no Government ever will. If it is given any legal status whatever, the booze trade is uncontrollable.—"Orillia Packet."

BAD TRADE AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

Very little money spent in liquor finds its way into the pockets of the wage earners. You will see this by the following table taken from a Government Return:—

If £100 is spent in—

- (a) Coal-mining, £55 goes to the worker.
- (b) Shipbuilding, £40 goes to the worker.
- (c) Railways, £31 goes to the worker.
- (d) Cotton Goods, £27 goes to the worker.
- (e) Clothing, £22 goes to the worker.

But if £100 is spent in STRONG DRINK, ONLY £7 10s. goes to the worker.

Mr John Burns, M.P., tells us that in a wellknown distillery £100,000 is distributed in wages amongst 2000 men. If this distillery employed as many men to do its work in proportion as a railway, 7142 men would be working and earning £350,000, or 3½ times the wages paid by the distillery.

Teetotalism means more wages. If the money were spent in useful articles instead of in Liquor, trade would flourish and employment would be more plentiful. "If the money now spent in Drink could be turned into other trades all the industries of the land would flourish," so said Lord Randolph Churchill.

England's Breweries, both before the war, and now, number 230. Before the war only one of these paid a dividend of 25 per cent, and 69 returned no profit to the investors. Now there are 12 paying 25 per cent., and upwards, and only 22 making no returns. Nearly 50 million pounds is invested in English Brewing industry.—"British Temperance Advocate."

Is it any wonder there are lions in the way of English Temperance reformers?

THE CONTRAST.

When the people of America spent annually £400,000,000 on liquor they were indirectly buying motor cars for the brewers and saloon-keepers. Now that they are spending £400,000,000 annually on automobiles for their own use they are infinitely better off.

NIGERIA.

Nigeria, in West Central Africa, which was taken over by the British Imperial Government in 1900 by buying out the Royal Niger Company, has an area equal to that of Germany, Holland, Belgium, and two-thirds of France combined. Half of it is covered by dense forests, and the rest is largely desert. So the population—18½ millions—is but small relatively to the area. The people are still mostly in a condition of barbarism; but the cannibalism which was common amongst them has been stopped by the British, as has also the slave trade. But whatever good civilising work has been accomplished by the British, their influence has certainly not been un-mixed good, for, from 1919, 63 per cent. of the revenues of the Colony was derived from the import of spirits. This source of revenue, however, has now been suppressed by the Imperial Government. Sir Hugh Clifford, formerly Governor of the Gold Coast, is now Governor of Nigeria. A Legislative Assembly has been recently constituted. The Colony is administered by one white man to about 70,000 natives. The Governor and his fellow-workers have a very difficult task. What a field that Colony presents for the enterprise of men and women of genuine self-sacrificing missionary spirit!

COME AND SEE.

Young Husband: "We are just at my house; will you come in and have a bit of dinner?"

Friend, hesitating: "But your wife—"

Young husband: "Oh, it's all right! If her cooking is a success, she will be pleased to have another to eat it, and if it's a failure—I shall!"

LIBERTY AND LIQUOR.

"I am sure that the wildest exponents of the theory of human liberty would not agree that one of the 90,000 engineers I represent should have the right to exercise his personal liberty and take two or three drinks before starting from the terminal with a limited express train."—Warren S. Stone, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

THE TEETOTAL GROCER.

Please won't you patronise my shop?
'Tis very clean and nice,
And any article you want I'll get you
in a trice.

I keep a large and varied store—as
you will own, I think;
But there is one thing I don't stock
—intoxicating drink.

You'll find my cheese and bacon
prime, and if you'll only try
My tea, I'm sure you'll come to get
a fresh supply;
My margarine is of the best, my
butter's good and pure—
For cheap and nasty articles I never
could endure.

I'm positive my neighbour's goods no
better are than mine;
Although his shop is twice as large,
and more than twice as fine:
But he a spirit license holds, and I
am not afraid
To say—it is this license that's ruin-
ing my trade!

It's very hard to see the folks all
flocking to his shop,
But I will never sell strong drink—
no, not a single drop!
And if you are teetotalers—now,
please, don't think me bold—
Don't buy your groceries at a shop
in which strong drink is sold!
—“L.S.”

FORGET THEM, EH?

Liquor lovers say that Whisky or Wine with evening dinner helps to make a man forget his troubles. The nobler thing is not to forget one's troubles, but face them, like a man, with a stout heart, an unclouded brain, and an unconquerable soul.

"I strongly feel that every good parent cares for his child's body, that the child may have a normal and healthy life and growth; cares for his child's mind, that the child may take his proper place in the world of thinking people; and such a parent must also train his child's character religiously, that the world may become morally fit. Unless this is done, trained bodies and trained minds may simply add to the destructive forces of the world."—Warren G. Harding.

WHAT THE DOCTOR SAYS.

"Alcohol even in the smallest doses directly destroys all power of mental concentration that is necessary to original research work. Original ideas in science, or in musical composition are prevented by the use of this substance."—Professor John C. Hemmeter, M.D., Johns Hopkins University Medical School, Baltimore, Maryland.

"It is my opinion that alcoholic liquors have no place whatever in the treatment of disease. They are beverages not medical agents. That they are of use to the medical man is 'bunk.' I know of no high-class medical man who commends them except as beverages."—Robert W. Gibbes, M.D., Columbia, S. Carolina.

CELLAR COSTS THE HOUSEHOLD TOO MUCH.

Speaking at a political meeting in London recently, Mr Lloyd George dealt with the temperance question—which the Liberal party is seriously taking up—saying, "I am not here to preach teetotalism, but in a year such as the one we are passing through now, a drink bill of £316,000,000 is too much for anybody. Our cellar is costing the household too much."

LIES!

He was a typical trade orator, and after rattling off some of the choicest pro-liquor fairy tales and warning his audience that because of Prohibition, America was played out, he reached his climax.

"And so," he yelled, "are you, my friends—honest, hard-working Britishers like you—are you, I ask again, going to take all this lying down?"

"No," shouted a voice from the back of the hall, "the reporters are doing that."

A man in a tweed suit and leggings walked into a poulterer's and asked for a brace of pheasants. "Sorry, sir," said the shopman, "completely sold out of pheasants. I could let you have a nice veal and ham pie, though, sir." "Don't be ridiculous," snapped the customer angrily; "how the dickens could I go home and say I'd shot a veal and ham pie?"

BABIES BORN DRUNK.

The statement that some babies are born drunk, which was made at the National British Women's Temperance Association Conference at Wembley, has actually received medical confirmation. "When in obstetric practice at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh, years ago," said Dr. Saleeby, to a reporter, "I helped in cases where babies were under the influence of alcohol. One could actually detect the smell of whisky in their breath. When mothers soak themselves with whisky it is the natural result, just as infants are affected when mothers are given chloroform, or, as in twilight sleep, they are given drugs. The children are born sleepy and heavy. You could not get such cases with beer. I entirely endorse the statement made. Let other people undertake obstetric practice in the slums of Scotland, and they will have the experience I shall never forget." The sister-in-charge of the British Hospital for Babies, S.E., also confirmed the statement. "We have had cases here as recently as during the war, when women earned high wages and could afford drink."—"The Christian Herald."

A FRENCH RECORD.

Paris has 32,000 saloons, or one for each 75 of the population.

In France there are 500,000 places in which intoxicating liquors are sold.

These saloons take a frightful toll.

Of the 150,000 persons who die each year in France from tuberculosis, 135,000 are alcoholic drinkers.

More than half of all the murders in France are committed by alcoholics.

That country is full of beggars and vagabonds, and 70 per cent. of them owe their condition to alcohol.

Of the young thieves in France, 80 per cent. are born of alcoholic parents.

These are the figures—not of Temperance or Church Societies, but are collected and published by the Government.

THE OPPORTUNITY.

Those who claim that Prohibition laws cannot be enforced overlook the fact that the appetite for liquor is an acquired taste, and what causes people to get the taste is the opportunity to procure drink.—"Walkerton Telescope."

WHY I HATE THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

I have seen so much of the evils of the liquor traffic, so much of its economic waste, so much of its physical ruin, so much of its mental blight, so much of its tears and heartache, that I have come to regard the business as one that must be held and controlled by strong and effective laws. I bear no malice toward those engaged in the business, but I hate the traffic. I hate its every phase. I hate it for its commercialism. I hate it for its greed and avarice.

I hate it for its domination in politics. I hate it for its incessant effort to debauch the suffrage of the country. I hate it for its utter disregard of law.

I hate it for the load it straps to labour's back, for its wounds to genius. I hate it for the human wrecks it has caused. I hate it for the almshouses it peoples, for the prisons it fills, for the insanity it begets, for its countless graves in potters' fields.

I hate it for the mental ruin it imposes upon its victims, for its spiritual blight, for its moral degradation. I hate it for the crimes it has committed. I hate it for the homes it has destroyed. I hate it for the hearts it has broken. I hate it for the grief it causes womanhood—the scalding tears, the hopes deferred, the strangled aspirations. I hate it for its heartless cruelty to the aged, the infirm, and the helpless; for the shadow it throws upon the lives of children.

I hate it as virtue hates vice, as truth hates error, as righteousness hates sin, as justice hates wrong, as liberty hates tyranny, as freedom hates oppression.—Ex-Governor Hanly, of Indiana.

OXFORD PROFESSOR MAKES OBSERVATION.

"I think it is significant that in the few attempted protests that have been organized against the prohibition law and the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, it has proved almost impossible to get any protest from those states which were accustomed to prohibition before. The revolt against prohibition comes almost entirely from the states which had never tried it."—"Prof. Gilbert Murray, Oxford University."

"PERSONAL LIBERTY."

The following paragraph appeared as the editorial in "World's Work" for July, 1924:—

"Of course, if the fact is once demonstrated that alcohol is a great physical evil and a standing menace to the effective social organisation, all discussion of 'personal liberty' has no meaning, for one of the most fundamental principles of organised society is that it has the right to invade 'personal liberty' when the safety or general improvement of the community itself is at stake. If alcohol destroys physical and mental vitality, decreases resistance to disease, increases poverty and ignorance, and stimulates vice and crime, then the State has the same right to prohibit it that it has to prohibit heroin and cocaine. It is merely another exercise of police power—the power which the State uses for the protection of the community as a whole."

STRONG EVIDENCE.

Dr. Shephard, Superintendent of the Colney Hatch Asylum, London, Professor of Psychological Medicine, King's College:—"For twelve years I have watched and chronicled the development of the greatest curse which afflicts the country. From 35 to 40 per cent. is a fairly approximate estimate of the ratio of insanity directly or indirectly due to alcoholic drinks."

SEALED.

Sir Frederick Field, K.C.B., Vice-Admiral in command of the British Squadron, while on a three days' courtesy visit to San Francisco, notified General Campbell (British Consul-General) that a seal will be put on the liquor stores as a courtesy to the American people.

HOW CRIME IS COUNTED.

In the City of Detroit, Michigan, over twelve hundred persons were recently charged with violating the traffic laws of that city. These crime statistics are being used as if they were a demonstration of the failure of Prohibition.

"If all good citizens were to rise up in one night, they could stop bootlegging in ten day's time."—Appeal by Johnstown's Mayor.

News of the Unions.

PLEASE NOTE!

1. Every Union should report.
2. Reports must be short.
3. Must be in by 8th of month.
4. Don't report what you are going to do.
5. Don't send newspaper reports of your meetings.

BLenheim.

Mar. 2nd. Mrs R. McCallum presided; fair attendance. Mrs J. Stewart read a very interesting and instructive paper in "Character Building," which was discussed by those present.

Apr. 6th. A well-attended meeting was held; Mrs McCallum presiding. Mrs Goslin, Delegate to Convention, gave her report which was concise, yet full of interest and instruction, which proved that our Delegate had been a keen listener, and was inspired by the work done at Convention.

RAWENE.

Mar. 24th. Mrs Bowden as usual proved an excellent hostess, the ladies thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Our Literature Superintendent had sent along by request, various pamphlets on purity and good morals. These were handed out to be duly read, and later dealt with. Mrs Johnson gave us further readings on life of Frances Willard. Decided that each member make a special effort to create interest in Union and bring at least one friend to next meeting. One new member sent in subscription, but not present owing to distance. Question raised as to advisability of forming new Branch at Waimamaku, or combining all with Rawene.

NGAERE.

Mar. 4th. President presided; seven present. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs McShee, on the death of her sister. Secretary to send greetings to Convention in Christchurch. Much discussion took place re our proposed Band of Hope.

Apr. 1st. President in chair, six members present. Decided to hold a social afternoon shortly in aid of the New Plymouth Sailors' rest. Regret was expressed at the loss of one of our members (Mrs Taylor) who has removed to Stratford.

NAPIER.

Feb. 18th. Frances Willard Day commemorated by holding a Garden Party at the Botanical Gardens. Quite a good muster, and a fine address on the Life of Frances Willard read by Mrs Macalister. Our Delegate, appointed finally for Convention, was Mrs Leask who also was appointed Purity Superintendent. Letters of appreciation sent to Mrs Freeman for her term of office; also to Mr Oldham, for kindly services rendered. A donation to be sent from members towards the Napier Women's Rest. Collection taken for World's Missionary Fund.

Mar. 3rd. Business in connection with Convention. Greeting sent. Isaiah 41:10. Arrangements made for sending parcel of warm clothing to children at Willard Home, Palmerston North.

Apr. 7th. Hearty welcome and congratulations to Mrs Leask on her return from Dominion Convention; she having received a star of honour for 40 years faithful service in our Union. Her report as Delegate from Convention was both helpful and full of encouragement. A letter of thanks and acknowledgment received from Willard Home. Decided a wreath from our Union be placed on the Soldiers' Memorial on Anzac Day; also a "Bring and Buy" afternoon be arranged for May 5th, to assist the Orphanising Fund.

MATAURA.

Mar. 18th. Mrs Landels presided at opening meeting for 1926; fair attendance of members. In the course of the President's address, reference was made to a two-issue ballot paper, and all members were urged to stand by it, and not to be discouraged, for right is might and must prevail. Other members spoke words of encouragement for which our President thanked them. A recitation was given by Mrs Park, which was well received. Mrs J. Barclay was appointed Assistant to White Ribbon Agent.

WARKWORTH.

Feb. 25th. The chief subject for discussion was the Plunket Nurse work. Mrs Hamilton read a considerable amount of correspondence concerning this. Mrs Green proposed writing to the Health Department to find out whether the Department took any steps to prevent girls smoking, and whether any literature on the subject is published by the Department.

Mar. 25th. The Plunket Nurse work was discussed further, and it was decided to call a Public Meeting to consider how we could support a Plunket Nurse in Warkworth. Each member is requested to bring a saleable gift to the April meeting, to raise funds for the District Committee.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Mar. 18th. Attendance good; Mrs J. Bellamy presided. Miss B. M. Harband gave ten minutes talk on Scientific and Medical Temperance Instruction, very interesting and helpful. Mrs Good, Cradle Roll Superintendent, reported that arrangements were well in hand for a picnic for Cradle Roll. Mrs F. T. Read, Evangelistic Superintendent, is leaving the district, and on behalf of the members, Mrs H. Hall presented her with a toilet set as a token of appreciation for the work she has done for the Union. Mrs R. Campbell was presented with a handbag. Items by Mesdames Weavers and Campbell and Miss Nelson. One new member.

TIMARU.

Mar. 30th. Annual Pay Up social; good attendance. Apology for absence from Mrs Norrie. Greetings from New Plymouth. Treasurer had busy half-hour. Report of Convention given by Delegates. Decided to send letter of appreciation to Mrs Don and of congratulation to Mrs Taylor. From special collection donations were allotted to District Union, New Plymouth Sailors' Rest, and Willard Home for children. Hospital report received. Mr Woodward reported six overseas ships called at Timaru during March, 112 visitors paying about 300 visits. Two Sunday Teas and services were held, the teas being badly attended, but a good number of men coming in the evening. Musical items and a dainty supper.

TEMUKA.

Mar. 12th. Opening meeting of the year; fair attendance, a wet night. Resolved to start L.T.L. on the 16th April. Miss Myrtle Lawry as Superintendent. Resolved to get a speaker for May meeting. Reading by the President on "Meditation" and its need in the Christian Life. "Malachi 3rd chapter and 16th verse."

LOWER HUTT.

Mar. 24th. 12 members present; letters of apology from four members. Letter of appreciation to be sent to Mrs Thomas for her interest and work while she has been with us. Mrs Ballantyne read us some extracts from a book, entitled Man, Women, and Labour. A slight discussion on the effort to start a L.L. in Schools lay branch to work if possible, with the existing league. Our afternoon effort held on the 11th, was rather disappointing, as only a few members turned up, though notices were sent to all. The effort realised four pounds. Afternoon tea was served.

KAIAPOI.

Feb. 24th. President, Mrs Vickery, in the chair. The resignation of Mrs Moreland was received with regret, and Mrs Blackwell elected Corresponding Secretary. Vote of thanks to the Council for the grant of £30 towards our new Rest Room, which we are proposing to build in the centre of the town, also to Mrs Vickery who gave us a very

interesting paper on the life of Frances Willard.

Mar. 31st. President in the chair; fair attendance. The Cradle Roll afternoon on March 2nd took the form of a Garden Party, held at Mrs Moreland's residence, at which 40 mothers were present with their little ones. Mrs Roberts gave a very interesting address on "The influence of early impressions on the child mind." There were also some musical items, after which afternoon tea was dispensed. The tenders closed on March 5th for our new Building in High Street. The tender of Mr Marriot for £700 was accepted, including £30 for extras. We propose to build a hall large enough for our own and Band of Hope meetings, and also to use it as a rest room. During the month, we joined with our Baptist friends to bid farewell to Mrs Moreland, who is leaving for Auckland district.

OAMARU.

Mar. 8th. President, Mrs Clark in the chair; fair attendance. Decided to send a letter of appreciation to Mrs Don, retiring Dominion President. Miss Ironside was appointed delegate to Annual Convention. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Jackson and Miss Frater in their recent bereavement. A short time was spent in prayer. Mrs McKenzie read the message from Guy Hayler, President World Prohibition Federation, which was very helpful. Extracts were read from a sermon by the Rev. W. McLean, and these were much appreciated. Members expressed the opinion that the publication of these sermons were a channel of blessing and spiritual uplift to the community.

WAIMATE.

March 10th. A suggestion was made that those members who were able to be present at the meetings should visit those who were prevented by any cause from being present, and thus let them share in the work being carried on. Mrs Vigers expressed gratitude for a note of remembrance when ill. Mrs Simpson voiced the gratitude of Hospital patients for visits, flowers and literature, and is willing to carry on as visitor. Miss McCarthy spoke about an effort being made to raise funds for the "No Licence Party," and suggested a Concert to be held later in the year if possible. In the unavoidable absence of Mrs Kippenberger, Mrs Clark read her paper on the "Influence of good Women." A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Kippenberger for her most interesting paper. Mrs Roy proposed that we should ask Mrs Low, Timaru, to speak on Peace Day. Afternoon tea served.

EDEN.

March 17th. Special Afternoon for Mothers. Mrs. Fenton presiding over a gathering of twenty five. Sympathy was expressed for Mr. Ramsay in her illness. Mrs Fenton and Mrs Cartwright were appointed delegates to the Alliance Area Conference. Musical items were contributed by Miss Bertram and Miss Lomax, also a recitation by Mrs Clark Senior, all being much appreciated by the audience. Afternoon tea was served, after which Major Annie Gordon, Probation Officer for the Salvation Army, and a keen lover of humanity, gave a stirring account of her varied experiences along the lines of her work, emphasizing the fact that W.C.T.U. members might do good work by waging war against the "appalling class of books she found being read by young girls of to-day"—"Wine drinking, Cigarette smoking among women and girls, which to her mind, was so degrading," and "unhappy marriages," making special comment that this year began with 56 Divorce Cases and many a night her own pillow was wet by tears shed over some cases left to her to do the best she could to settle. Major Gordon impressed upon members to wear their White Ribbon bow, which she considered the prettiest badge ever made; she loved it, for to her there was always the gentle womanly influence of purity behind it. One lady re-joined the Union.

MAUNGATUROTO.

Mar. 4th. First meeting of this year. Mrs J. Hames took the chair; only seven members present. Mrs L. E. Gullen's resignation as Secretary was received with much regret. Mrs W. Wallace is now Secretary and Treasurer combined. Mrs J.

Hames asked to write and thank Miss Wright for all she has done for us while President of our Union.

CHEVIOT.

Mar. 6th. First meeting in the year; Mrs Ferguson presiding over a fair attendance. It was thought probable that meeting days would have to be altered owing to the alteration of the business half-holiday. Mrs Ferguson was appointed Delegate to attend Convention in Christchurch. One new member enrolled. President read extracts from White Ribbon. Afternoon tea was partaken of.

BIRKENHEAD.

Mar. 18th. A well-attended Drawing-room meeting was held at Miss Carter's residence; Mrs Jory presided. Good addresses were given by Miss Carter and Mrs McArthur. Miss Carter spoke about the band of women, who, heart-broken at the terrible results of drink, met together to pray, and were the means of starting the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She told us what Prohibition has done for America. Mrs McArthur inspired us with her talk on our past successes and future hope. Drink and its ravages are as bad as they can be, yet we have done some good; children are not to be served with drink. The Sunday closing and the six o'clock closing also show progress—the said Petitions are to be sent to Parliament for the closing of hotels on Saturday afternoons and public holidays. Mrs Jory said our great endeavour must be to win the young. Mrs H. Chapelle gave two good recitations. A pleasant afternoon was concluded by singing the Temperance Doxology.

PETONE.

Mar. 2nd. Mrs Cole, President in the chair. Decided to have a give and buy meeting in April. A vote of sympathy was passed for Mrs Chalmers, who recently lost her mother.

Mar. 17th. A very enjoyable social afternoon was given to the ladies of the W.C.T.U. by Mrs Plater, of Koro Koro. Two little girls sang sweetly, and the Rev. Mr Loan gave an interesting talk. Mrs Cole thanked Mr Loan for the work he did during the recent election, and a vote of thanks was carried by a hearty clap. A dainty afternoon tea was served and much appreciated by all present. Miss Avison, who will soon be on her way to Australia for a holiday, was wished "Bon Voyage." A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs Plater.

HENDERSON.

Mar. 17th. Mrs Platt in the chair. Decided to help District Executive in some practical way with the tea and farewell to Mrs Lee-Cowie, on April 29th, in Auckland. Decided we offer four prizes for best temperance essay for boys and girls in Standard VI. at Henderson School. We then talked of doing something more than our 1s. 6d. per member towards the Organizing Fund, and to begin, we are to take collection at each meeting. 1d. is all we will ask for. Next month we hope to have a visit and report of Convention from the Secretary of Epsom Branch.

RICHMOND, NELSON.

Feb. 16th. Miss Tarrant presided. Garden Party reported, amount raised £6 18s. 7½d. Not sufficient funds to send Delegate to Convention. After discussion upon ways and means of raising funds, decided to try trading with 2/6 a member for six months.

Mar. 16th. Miss Tarrant, President, in chair; fair attendance. Mrs Price gave a very interesting and helpful paper on "Good Citizenship," the essence of which is unselfishness. Mrs Cropp led prayer for Convention members and work.

ONEHUNGA.

Feb. 18th. Mrs Stacy presided; fair attendance. The proposed syllabus for the coming year was adopted. Mrs Dodds and Mrs Smith were appointed convenors of social committee. Mrs Gillon and Mrs Flay along with Executive to be in charge of Bring and Buy sale in May. Mrs Gillon and Mrs Fordyce, Junior, appointed Collectors for tea, which District Executive are holding in April.

Mar. 21th. Mrs Stacey presided over large attendance. Greetings sent to Convention. Mrs Worsley and Mrs Musket, Delegates to New Zealand Alliance meeting on 20th March. Mrs Bickle, Cradle Roll Superintendent, then took charge of meeting. After very good short programme, afternoon tea was served, then the floor was cleared for races for some of the elder Cradle Roll members, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Each child was given a bag of sweets. Three new members joined.

RICCARTON.

Mar. 25th. Bring and Buy afternoon held, raised £3. Five-minute talk given on the effects of alcohol on the power of judgment. Pledge repeated after devotions. Letter from prisoner received. One or two members still write to scattered members. Report of Convention read. All new ideas and resolutions particularly stressed by the President. Further discussion on "Plans of Work" outlined in the report to be taken at our earliest opportunity. A donation of one guinea was given to buy prizes for the winners in the recent Band of Hope Essay Competition on "What I have learned from the Band of Hope."

OTAHUHU.

Apr. 1st. Mrs Handside gave a short report of a special Convention, held in Auckland, of the New Zealand Alliance; also Mrs W. Taylor gave a report of Convention, which was held in Christchurch, March 10th. Mrs Greenwood, our President, took the chair.

TE KUITI.

Mar. 11th. Mrs Edgar presided; good attendance for first meeting of New Year. Decided to purchase silver key for opening of new Rest Room by Mayor, on 13th March. The Union donated furniture, etc., to Borough Council, but decided to pay for cleaning the rooms. Greetings were sent to Conference. Prohibition Rally to be held on April 12th, and meeting of Band of Hope on April 9th.

STRATFORD.

Mar. 19th. The chair was taken by Vice-President, Mrs McAllum. The usual monthly report was read by the Secretary. It being a wet day the attendance was small. Meeting closed with Benediction.

MANAIA.

Mr. 9th. Mrs Bennett took the chair in the President's absence at Convention. Attendance was fair under somewhat difficult circumstances, and a collection for the Frances Willard Mission Work was taken up; money voted for the use of the Secretary and correspondence discussed.

CARTERTON.

Apr. 7th. Attendance small, owing to the holidays, but all were enthusiastic. Re-hand-books of Convention; it was decided to order some for members. Letters were read thanking the Union for letters expressing sympathy to different ones. Mrs Wilton, our Delegate, said that there were 42 new Delegates, who had been to Convention for the first time, which was a big increase. The Public reception which was given was very interesting and was a warm welcome by many citizens including the Mayor of Christchurch. The W.C.T.U. Creche at the Dunedin Exhibition is a great success, the mothers and babies getting much benefit from it. It is pleasing to note that the Union has increased greatly in membership everywhere which should be very encouraging. Mrs Wilton kept us interested in her report of Convention, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Hostesses, Mrs Tankersley and Mrs Cotter.

PICTON.

Mar. 9th. Mothers' afternoon; Mrs Brewer in the chair; fair attendance. Canon Quintrell gave a very fine and comprehensive address on the training of the child mind from earliest infancy. Afternoon tea was served, and Mrs Bateup rendered an appropriate solo which was much appreciated.

N.E. VALLEY.

Apr. A most interesting report of the Convention was given by the Delegate, Mrs Sanders. Mrs Benfell Delegate for Auckland was present, and spoke of the work of the Convention, and also of the praise

the Union's worthy Treasurer received from members of the Convention. Mesdames Peart and Elliott were nominated for the School Committee. Superintendents of departments were all re-elected.

PONSONBY.

Apr. 1st. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided over a good attendance of members, and a fine gathering of Mothers and children, the occasion being a Cradle Roll afternoon. Mrs Turley and Mrs Paterson, sang solos. The President, having indignantly remarked at having a letter sent to her asking her to participate in an Art Union in aid of a Jockey Club, it was moved and seconded that a protest be made by a letter from Mrs Lee-Cowie to the Art Union authorities. A game was got up to amuse the children, afternoon tea was served, and each child received a present. One new member was received.

RAETIHL.

Apr. 8th. The President, Mrs Samford, in the chair; good attendance. Rev. O. Gibson delivered an interesting address on the subject of Temperance in all things, which was listened to with great interest. Afternoon tea was dispensed. At the L.T.L., held a social evening, 50 children present. A presentation was made to Mrs Ayrton, late Secretary of W.C.T.U., and warm thanks given for her untiring work and regret at her departure.

ONEHUNGA.

Apr. 8th. Mrs Stacey occupied the chair. Nomination for School Committees were as follows:—Two for Royal Oak, one for Onehunga, and possibly one for Te Papapa. Final arrangements were made for Bring and Buy sale. Agreed to send letter of appreciation to Onehunga Borough Council, commending them for refusing to allow Sunday games in the Park. Mrs Fulljames gave a most interesting account of the work among the Maoris, and of the Natives at Nule. Afternoon tea was served at the close of the meeting.

WAITARA.

Feb. 19th. First meeting of the year. Mrs Clayton presided; fair attendance. Moved that letter of thanks be sent to Managers Knox Church, for use of Church for our meetings. There transferred members were welcomed into our Branch. Sympathy was sent to Mrs Loveridge in her illness. One new member for White Ribbon.

Mar 19th. 12 members present; Mrs Clayton in the chair. After the business was transacted, the President, in her remarks, stressed the importance of every member to try and gain at least one member each during the year.

GREYTOWN.

Mar. 30th. Vice-President, Mrs D. McKenzie in chair. A Cake Stall, held 26th February, in aid of funds realised £5 4s. A letter of thanks was read from Willard Home for parcel of clothing and money. Resolved to open an account in P.O. Savings Bank for Union Funds. Mrs J. Allan gave an address on the value of prayer, which was much appreciated.

HAMILTON.

Apr. 1st. A farewell to Mrs Ready, who is leaving the district to settle in Auckland. Mrs Jones presided over the devotional part of the meeting, there was a good attendance of members and friends. Mrs Craig in a happy little speech presented to Mrs Ready a bouquet of Autumn tinted flowers, tied with streamers to match, after which a dainty afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Jones and Davy. Mrs Craig sang a solo "Fairly Caught." A very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close with the Temperance Doxology.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Apr. 8th. Mrs Goodie presided, attendance small. Mrs Irwin gave a very helpful talk on Easter Thoughts. The Delegate, Mrs Davies, gave her report of the doings at Convention. There were a good many things that will be brought up again, arising out of the report. Mrs Upton also told us many interesting things; next month we are to have Mrs Bathgate's report. We seem to be in clover just now.

Y Column.

HASTINGS.

Feb. 9th. The opening social of the above Branch was held in the M.Y.M. I. Hall; each person brought magazines or books which were afterwards forwarded to Y.M.C.A. Hut on Eskdale Railway. The evening was most enjoyably spent in new games, etc., and Mr A. Currie played a violin solo, being encored. One new male member was gained during the evening. After a dainty supper the singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Mar. 9th. Miss E. Beale presiding, in Young Men's Hall. Two new members initiated during the meeting. Decided that our meetings be held monthly (the 2nd Thursday) instead of fortnightly. A "Pay Up" Social is to be held on May 13th, Misses C. List and M. Beale being appointed Convenors for same. A paper was read during the evening, while the others present sewed articles for the Children's Orphanage Xmas Box. The following are the officers:—President, Miss E. Beale; Treasurer, Miss E. Robson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss F. North (Brunswick Road, Hastings); Minute Secretary, Miss M. Beale.

AUCKLAND.

Apr. 1st. Miss C. M. McLay, President, presided; 43 present. The President gave an interesting talk on "Impressions of Convention." She gave a vivid sketch of the personnel of the Convention, and a brief account of the world-wide nature of the Union, which ought to be of great benefit to our members, in that they have been brought into a deeper knowledge and understanding of the type of leaders we have, and should be an incentive to greater service on behalf of such a noble organisation. Thereafter, Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a very helpful Temperance talk with blackboard illustrations. Several solos and recitations were rendered. Six new members joined.

DUNEDIN Y's.

Mar. 22nd. The President presided over a meeting of seventeen members. Mrs Benfell, of Auckland, was welcomed. Decided that meetings should be held fortnightly at the close of the Exhibition. A letter of congratulation was sent to Mrs Hiett, on her election to the Vice-Presidency for the Dominion. Mrs Macartney's prize for largest number of members won last year, was presented to Miss Gwyn. Two new members were initiated. A happy social hour was then spent in profitable intercourse. Supper was served, and meeting closed with benediction.

W.C.T.U. OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, D.C., January 31, 1926.

Dear Miss Henderson,—

Through you may my love be given to every one of those blessed White Ribboners assembled in National Convention in Christchurch. Though delayed, they know not defeat. "Carry on!" We're watching from this side with a sympathetic understanding, and we know that under the banner of the King of Kings ultimate victory is yours—and ours.

In the bonds of White Ribbon comradeship,

Your Washington friend,

CLAIRE L. LUSBY.

PASSING ON THE TORCH.

We are apt to think that we have arrived at a period in the world's history, when we can regard society as fixed and permanent, and not likely to change for the worse anyhow. But this is a mistake. There is no guarantee whatever that for the world as a whole we have arrived at fixed conditions. We know from our history books how ancient civilisations arose, developed, flourished, and fell into decay. How difficult it would have been for an Egyptian of Tutankhamen's time, who knew Egypt as a great country which had flourished in greatness century after century, to believe that his native land would sink and fall into ruins for future civilisations to discover in amazement. So civilisation after civilisation has gone down.

Of what does a nation consist? The answer is that it consists not of material things, but of human beings. Of what will the future consist? Of the children growing up now. The children of to-day will grow up to make the future of the nations, and whether that future is to be great or small, depends on what the children of to-day learn to be.

Life is as a torch which one generation hands on to another. The flame may flicker, may revive, may burn steadily, or may be extinguished. Grown-ups are passing the torch to their children, who, in their turn, will have the chance to make their nation a greater one still. Nothing is finally settled; nothing is finally done; life is an unsettled thing in which all has to be constantly done over and over again, done better or done worse. The hope of the new generation is that it can profit by the past, and that if it does so, the past lives with it and helps. The future is in our hands to-day; we make it what we will.

NO PROTECTION FOR WHISKY SHIPMENTS TO RUM ROW.

Owing to the increased risks of seizure by American Prohibition agents along Rum Row and elsewhere, London underwriters are refusing to insure whisky shipment losses by confiscation, according to a recent Associated Press despatch from London.

N.Z. W.C.T.U. Literature.

General: Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South.

Badges, Brooches, and Pins, 5/- per doz.; Star of Honour, 2/- each; Hymnals, 2/- per doz.; Hymnals, music, 3/- each; Writing Pads, 1/- and 1/9; Envelopes, 6d pkt.; Constitutions, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Handy Booklet, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Membership Pledge Cards and "Facts" about W.C.T.U., 6d per doz.; Treasurer and Transfer Slips, 1/- 100; Pledge Books, 6d; Treasurer's Receipt Books, 1/6; W.C.T.U. Serviettes, 9d doz., 5/- 100; Promise Boxes, 1/6 each.

How We Won the Franchise, 9d doz., 4/- 100, 35/- 1000; White-robed Vestal, 6d doz., 3/6 100 30/- 1000; Y Constitution, 3d each; "Women Torchbearers," 8/6 each; Appeals to Mothers, 6d doz., etc., etc.

These prices include postage.

L.T.L. and Band of Mercy: Mrs Bathgate, 27 Pitt Street, Wanganui.

Charts (with Manual of Lessons), showing effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human body, 7/6 per set; Marching Songs for Young Crusaders, 1/- each; A Handful of Hints, 1/-; Temperance Tales, 1/-; About Ourselves, 1/-; About Our Country, 1/-; It Is Written (Bible stories), 1/-; Shakespeare Manual, 1/3; Pledge Cards, 1/- per dozen; Programmes, from 3d each; L.T.L. Badges, 4d each; L.T.L. Buttons, 3d each; The Young Crusader 2/- per annum (in advance); L.T.L. Hand Books.

BAND OF MERCY.

Literature, 6d per packet; Pledges, 6d per dozen; "The Little Animal's Friend," 1/6 per year (on order).

BAND OF HOPE.

Dialogues, 3d each; Leaflets, 9d per packet; Pledges (artistic), 2/- per dozen; Reciters, from 3d. Also Pledges at 1/- per dozen.

Cradle Roll: Miss D. Patterson, Box 21, Manala.

Cradle Roll Pledge Cards, 1/- per doz. Cradle Roll Birthday Cards, 2/- per doz.

Eighth Year Certificates, 2/- per doz.

Social and Moral Hygiene: Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273, Hastings.

Men, Women and God, 4/6—A discussion of Sex Questions from the Christian standpoint; Maternity without Suffering, 3/-; Way Book of Youth 2/-; How I Was Born, 9d; The Story of Life, 1/6; In Her Teens, 2/-; The Changing Girl, 2/-; Answers to Tiny Tots, 2/-.

Medical Temperance: Mrs Clara Neal, 5 Park Crescent, Parnell, Auckland.

Medical Temperance Leaflets at prices ranging from one penny up to sixpence per dozen.

Sample Packets, 1/- each.

Anti-Narcotic Leaflets: Sample Packets, 8d each.

All Post Free.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND UNIONS, 1926.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs Benfell, 2 Euckland Street, Epsom.

District Secretary: Mrs Williams, "Arnley," Northcote.

District Treasurer: Mrs Taylor, "Sharrow," Station Road, Otahuhu.

BRANCHES.

Name of Union.	No. Members.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
Auckland	264	Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden	Miss N. Dewar, 4 Pompallier Ter. Ponsonby	Mrs P. Dowling, 6 Pompallier Ter. Ponsonby
Birkenhead	19	Mrs Jory, Hauraki Road		Miss Le Roy, 6 Lytton Street, Devonport
Devonport	34	Mrs Finch, 14 Dominion Road	Mrs M. Trevurza, 2 Cracroft St.	Miss C. Davies, Albert Road
Eden	64	Mrs Fenton, 66 Grange Road	Mrs G. W. A. Clark, 129 Balmoral Road	Mrs Merson, 632 Mt. Eden Road
Epsom	36	Mrs Neal, 5 Park Cres., Parnell	Mrs A. McLeod, 16 Wapiti Av., Epsom	Mrs Pirrett, 13 Panama Street, Arch-hill, Auckland
Grey Lynn	12	Mrs Hobday, The Vicarage, Grey Lynn	Mrs Caitcheon, Cardigan Street, Grey Lynn	Mrs Hiscock, 71 Hinemoa Street, Grey Lynn
Helensville	15	Mrs L. L. Bailey	Mrs C. S. West	Miss F. Simcock
Henderson	29	Mrs Platt	Mrs Thos. McKay	Mrs Williams
Leigh	14	Mrs Grigg	Mrs Gozar	Mrs Gozar
Matakana	10	Mrs E. Roke	Mrs F. Worthing	Mrs L. Melville
Maungaturoto	17	Mrs Stewart Wright		Mrs W. Wallace
Onehunga	101	Mrs A. E. Stacey, 104 Grey Street, E. Onehunga	Mrs Fordyce, Junr., 35 Arthur Street, W. Onehunga	Mrs Mushet, 79 Alfred Street
Opotiki	36	Mrs J. T. Thompson, Wellington Street	Mrs J. W. Gordon, Box 85	Mrs Downey, Church Street
Otahuhu	25	Mrs Greenwood, Meth. Parsonage	Mrs W. Taylor, Station Road	Mrs McNary, Station Road
Penrose	12	Mrs A. E. Stacey, 104 Grey Street, E. Onehunga		Mrs Williams, Station Rd., Penrose
Ponsonby	82	Mrs Lee-Cowie, 7a Hamilton Rd., Herne Bay, Auckland	Mrs Oliver, 27 Pollen Street	Mrs Kasper, "Elberton," Turner St. Auckland
Pukekohe	27	Mrs J. Crosbie, Manakau Road	Mrs J. A. Hodges, Totara Avenue	Miss Routley, Pukekohe Hill
Rama Rama	15	Mrs Kern	Mrs Kitson	Mrs Sharp
Rawene	13	Mrs Ashworth, Meth. Parsonage, Rawene, Hokianga	Mrs T. P. Lane, Rawene, Hokianga	Mrs T. P. Lane
Russell	10	Mrs Wm. Mundy	Mrs J. Wright	Mrs J. Armitage
Takapuna	28	Mrs J. R. Penning, East Coast Rd.	Mrs Lewis, Victoria Road, Bayswater, Takapuna	Miss Mills, Earnock Avenue
Tauranga	28	Mrs Laura L. Smith, "The Knoll," Tauranga	Mrs C. York, 1st Avenue	Mrs Teasey, 7th Avenue
Waihi	11	Mrs Hollis, Moresby Avenue	Mrs S. Brown, Box 121	Mrs Potter, Walker Street
Warkworth	14	Mrs H. I. Phillips, Pulham Road	Mrs W. Hamilton, "The Grange"	Mrs McKinney, Milburne
Whangarei	42	Mrs Goodall, Dennis Avenue	Mrs W. N. Hills, Norfolk Street	Mrs Hughes, Main Street

WAIKATO DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs J. M. Jones, 52 Te Aroha Street, Claudelands, Hamilton.

District Secretary: Mrs Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Street.

District Treasurer: Mrs Morton, Riro Road, Hamilton.

BRANCHES.

Name of Union.	No. Members.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
Cambridge	20	Mrs A. W. Martin, Hamilton Rd.	Mrs Beer, Stafford Street	Mrs F. Bycroft, Bryce Street
Hamilton	48	Mrs J. M. Jones, 52 Te Aroha St.	Mrs Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Road	Mrs E. J. Davey, London Street
Hamilton East	14	Mrs E. Watkins, 84 Nixon Street	Mrs R. Mears, 176 Grey Street	Mrs G. Jack, Macfarlane Street
Morrinsville	10		Mrs Moncrieff, Coronation Road	Mrs Wills Allen Street
Rototuna	11	Mrs L. Tatman	Mrs Morton Tuck	Mrs K. Bowman
Te Kuiti	26	Mrs A. Edgar, Waitete Road	Mrs G. Elliott, Seddon Street	Mrs J. Nicholls, Matai Street

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs D. E. Scott, Turu Turu Road, Hawera.

District Secretary: Mrs X. Jones, 247 Gill Street, New Plymouth.

District Treasurer: Mrs Hawkins, Buller Street, New Plymouth.

BRANCHES.

Name of Union.	No. Members.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
Eltham	19	Mrs Morrison, King Edward St.	Mrs Birkett, Hugh Street	Mrs Reynolds, Castle Street
Inglewood	32	Mrs Simpson	Miss Johnston	Mrs Burgess
Mania	49	Mrs Scott, Turu Turu Rd., Hawera	Mrs C. Hannen	Mrs Robinson, Rural Box 27, Kapuni, Taranaki

Name of Union.	No. Mem	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
New Plymouth	214	Mrs X. Jones, 247 Gill Street	Mrs John Craig, "Craigneuk," Powderham Street	Mrs Whitham
Ngare	14	Mrs Gilliver, R.M.D., Bird Road, Stratford	Mrs K. Tarrant	Mrs W. Wickham, Bird Rd., Stratford
Normanby	21	Mrs D. E. Scott, Turuturu Road, Hawera	Mrs W. Gane, Box 2	Mrs J. Meuli, Post Office
Stratford	124	Mrs M. T. Phillips, Brecon Road	Mrs A. Fawcett, Juliet Street	Mrs S. Robinson, Olivia Street
Taitara	39		Mrs Jensen	Mrs Hughson

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs Duxfield, Okoia, Wanganui.

District Secretary: Mrs Piper, 3 Koromiko Road, Gonville, Wanganui.

District Treasurer: Mrs Freethy, Durie Hill, Wanganui.

BRANCHES.

Name of Union.	No. Members.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
Gramoho	24	Mrs Hallam	Mrs R. C. Good	Miss I. Gilmour
Hawera	82	Mrs Exley, Albion Street	Miss Kelly, Box 47	Mrs Ashton, Albion Street
Palmerston North	72	Mrs T. Young, No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert	Mrs Collins, 16 Amesbury Street	Mrs Watson, 13 Carroll Street
Teitihi	40	Mrs Sandford, Duncan Street		Mrs McCowan, Seddon Street
Tamamarunui	39	Mrs J. Donnelly, Rangaroa, Tamamarunui	Mrs E. Reed, Matapuna Road	Mrs Charlotte Donnelly
Turakina	15	Miss Benfell, Maori Girls' School	Mrs R. J. Glasgow, "Edenmore"	Mrs R. J. Glasgow
Wanganui Central	74	Mrs Goodey, 26 College Street	Mrs J. Upton, 165 Victoria Ave.	Mrs Warrick, Great North Road, St. John's Hill
Wanganui East	86	Mrs A. Duxfield, Okoia	Mrs W. J. Andrew, "Lilybank," Westmere, Wanganui	Mrs F. Brown, "Den Rhoda," No. 3 Line, Wanganui East
Waverley	16	Mrs Barrow	Mrs T. W. Wall	Mrs R. Johnstone

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273, Hastings.

District Secretary:

District Treasurer: Miss Heaton, Cadman Road, Dannevirke.

BRANCHES.

Name of Union.	No. Members.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
Dannevirke	32	Miss Heaton, Cadman Road	Mrs T. Nicholson 4 Edward St.	Mrs Sharpley, Princess Street
Hastings	48	Mrs Banks, Southampton Street	Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273	Mrs Boshier, Pakowhai Road
Napier	92	Mrs H. Speight, 5 Ossian Street, Port Ahuriri	Mrs Hull, Chaucer Road	Mrs Wilkinson, Onepoto Valley, Napier
Remondville	10	Mrs Wilson	Miss Thomasen	Mrs Newling
Waipawa	15	Mrs H. McLean, Waverley Street	Mrs Jas. Bibbey, Rose Street	Miss Johnson, Rose Street
Waipukurau	17	Mrs Smales, Bedford Terrace	Mrs J. E. Reid	Mrs Robinson, Bedford Terrace

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs Evans, M.A., 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South.

District Secretary: Miss Avison, 69 Fitzherbert Street, Petone.

District Treasurer: Mrs August Anderson, Pretoria Street, Lower Hutt.

BRANCHES.

Name of Union.	No. Members.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
Ngiri	25	Mrs J. Gill	Miss F. M. Malcolm, Box 36	Mrs Len. Gould
Porterston	102	Mrs Tyler, Lincoln Road	Mrs Cotter, High Street	Mrs Tappin, Hilton Road
Retahuna	22		Mrs Norman	Mrs Hansen, Alfredton Road
Watherston	16	Mrs A. Clarke	Mrs W. H. Sadler, No. 1 Rural	Mrs G. H. Holcroft, Hickson Street
Welding	61	Mrs Pack, Sandilands Street	Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street	Mrs McIntyre, Box 11
Winton	37	Mrs Peryman	Mrs Rimmer	Mrs Downes, Cook Street
Weyton	29	Miss Oates	Mrs Morrison	Mrs Haigh, Thynne Street
Johnsonville	25	Mrs Halliday	Miss D. Mildenhall, Porirua Rd.	Mrs Cook, Main Road
Wairin	9			
Lower Hutt	44	Mrs Ballantyne, Belmont Road	Mrs R. Aldersley, Brunswick St.	Mrs Harry Heyes, Camp Road
Martinborough	32	Mrs W. J. Martin	Miss Mildred Tyler, Jellicoe Street	Mrs A. M. Tyler
Marton	12	Mrs McIvor, The Manse, Bond St.	Mrs P. H. Hall, 2 Bowen Street	Mrs Verry, Calico Line, Marton
Masterston	64	Mrs J. C. Cocker, Albert Street		Mrs R. Jamieson, Lincoln Road
Maki	28	Mrs Liddell, The Parsonage	Mrs Walter Taylor, Manakau Rd.	Miss Meta Taylor, Jubilee Hotel
Mahiatua	38	Mrs J. D. Wilson, Victoria Street	Miss M. Edmed, Sedcole Street	Mrs H. Paterson, Dawson Street
Petone	74	Mrs Cole, 89 Nelson Street	Miss M. Avison, 69 Fitzherbert Street	Mrs Doneghue, 31 Vivian Street, Wellington
Wellington Central	101	Miss C. E. Kirk, 60 Pirie Street	Miss Thompson	Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay
Wellington South	194	Mrs Johnson Wright, 127 Constable Street	Mrs E. Webb, 37 Hall Street	Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street
Woodville	18	Mrs Dewe, Ross Street	Mrs McCormack, Ross Street	

NELSON DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs T. H. Field, The Rocks, Nelson.
 District Secretary: Miss O. E. Cresswell, Lower Moutere.
 District Treasurer: Miss Cooke, Nelson.

BRANCHES.

Name of Union.	No Members.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
Brightwater	15	Mrs Geo. Snowden	Mrs Percy Roughton	Mrs Albert Max, Hope
Motueka	16		Miss V. Glover	
Nelson	134	Miss Atkinson, Brougham Street	Mrs H. Page, 74 Tasman Street	Miss F. Cooke, Examiner Street
Richmond	34	Miss Tarrant, Dorset Street	Mrs Crabtree, Gladstone Road	Mrs Cropp, Salisbury Street
Wakapuaka	19	Mrs W. Flower, Hira P.O.	Mrs Alborough, Wakapuaka Sub.	Mrs Royds, Atawhai
Wakefield	20	Mrs C. Telenius	Miss Fowler, c/o Mrs Telenius	Miss F. Fowler, c/o Mrs Telenius

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs W. Grigg, The Parsonage Blenheim.
 District Secretary: Mrs A. M. Smith, Aston Street, Springlands, Blenheim.
 District Treasurer:

BRANCHES.

Name of Union.	No Members.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
Blenheim	43	Mrs R. McCallum, Riverlands	Mrs W. M. Smith, Aston Street, Springlands	Mrs T. Pike, Main Street
Picton	28	Miss Harris	Mrs Tobbell	Mrs E. Wells
Rai Valley	22	Mrs Leov	Miss F. Woodward	Miss F. Woodward
Seddon	—	Mrs Kimberly	Mrs R. Cameron	Mrs C. Hammond

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

District President: Mrs T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch.
 District Secretary: Miss B. M. Harband, 142 Hawke Street, New Brighton.
 District Treasurer: Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Box 114, Christchurch.

BRANCHES.

Name of Union.	No. Members.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.	Treasurer.
Belfast	36	Mrs Roxburgh, John's Road	Mrs W. Rogers, 690 North Road	Mrs W. P. Spencer, Ouri Chaney's
Cheviot	35	Mrs G. Ferguson, Box 10, Cheviot	Mrs A. M. Hyde, Domett	
Christchurch	143	Miss Henderson, 9 Straven Road, Riccarton	Mrs Ruth Day, 92 Edward Av., St. Albans	Mrs Richards, 14 Morris St. Avonside
Greymouth	35	Mrs Martin, Franklin Street	Mrs Mason, Sturge St., Cobden	Mrs Wilson, Cowper Street
Hokitika	14	Mrs Jack, The Parsonage	Mrs Lynn, Brittan Street	Mrs W. Perry, Weld Street
Kaipoi	34	Mrs Vickery, Fuller Street	Mrs Blackwell, Sewell Street	Mrs Chapman, Adderley Terrace Rural Mail
Lincoln-Springston	23	Mrs W. Kime, Springston	Mrs W. Kimber, Springston	Mrs Currie, Springston
Lyttelton	17	Mrs Hatchwell, The Bridle Path	Mrs Hewstone, 354 Wilson's Rd., Opawa	Mrs Bromley, Coleridge Terrace Lyttelton
New Brighton	106	Mrs A. M. Hall, 36 Wainui Street	Mrs M. Moses, 140 Lonsdale St.	Mrs N. Fraser, River Road
Opawa-Woolston	41	Mrs Jenkins, 9 Westby Street, Opawa	Mrs W. T. Kelly, 10 Gamblin's Road, St. Martin's	Mrs T. W. West, Aynsley Terrace Opawa
Oxford	43	Mrs Pryde, Cooper's Creek	Mrs C. W. Tritt, East Oxford	Miss Caverhill, Ashley Gorge Road
Papanui	53	Mrs Simpson	Mrs Merria, 278 Harewood Rd.	Mrs T. Bond, 83 Vague's Road
Rangiora	34	Mrs C. R. Thwaites, Bush Street	Mrs A. J. Ferguson, Woodend Rd.	Mrs J. McKechnie, 11 Blake Street
Riccarton	62	Mrs C. W. Barrell, 130 Clarence Rd.	Mrs W. L. Newth, 19 Peverel St.	Mrs D. Swanston, 189 Blenheim Rd.
Sefton	20	Mrs A. H. Thorne, Box 11	Mrs F. H. Ford, Sefton	Miss Quick, Sefton
Spreydon	40	Mrs R. Nairn, Lincoln Road, Christchurch	Miss R. F. Ray, 112 Wright's Road, Riccarton	Mrs G. Whitelaw, Matson Street Sydenham
Styx	12	Mrs R. Donald, 309 North Road, Papanui	Mrs Marwick, 48 Preston's Road, Styx	Mrs Blain, 221 North Road, Papanui
Sumner	29	Mrs J. McCombs, Clifton, Sumner	Mrs Fyfe Slater, Nayland Street	Mrs Booth, Clifton Terrace, Sumner
Sydenham	20	Mrs E. Sirett, 97 Huxley Street	Mrs Cartwright Smith, 125 Colombo Street	Mrs Gillard, 204 Brougham Street
Templeton	28	Mrs Simpson, Bealey Road	Mrs Williams, 838 Main Road	Mrs McWha, Brougham Street
Westport	16	Mrs Parfitt, Cobden Street	Mrs W. Taylor, Upper Peel St.	Mrs Musgrove Templeton

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

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 District Secretary: Mrs Brown, 6 College Road, Timaru.
 District Treasurer: Mrs Brown, 6, College Road, Timaru.

BRANCHES.

Ashburton	127	Mrs W. H. Robinson, Hampstead, Ashburton	Miss E. Trevurza, 169 Peter St.	Mrs A. Amos, 165 Peter Street
Fairlie	36	Mrs A. Chisholm, School Road	Mrs C. H. Holland, Sherwood Downs	Mrs A. Hammond, Fairlie
Geraldine	53	Mrs H. Neutze, Raukapuka, Geraldine	Miss A. A. Patrick, "Puke-Tiro," Geraldine	Mrs D. McDonald, The Hill, Geraldine
Mayfield	35	Mrs J. Williams, Anama	Mrs J. D. Murdock, Mayfield	Mrs W. Millar, Mayfield
Pleasant Point	43	Miss Bishop, Pleasant Point	Mrs S. Smith, Pleasant Point	Miss G. Munro, Pleasant Point

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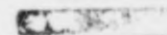
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NORMANBY, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Pres. Hall. Pres., Mrs D. E. Scott, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs W. Gane, Normanby; Treas., Mrs J. Menit, Normanby; Cradle Roll, Mrs D. Free, Normanby; White Ribbon, Mrs Lamond, (c/o Miss Larcom, Turturu Road, Hawera). Meetings to be held in Presbyterian Hall, 2nd. Wednesday, 2 p.m.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4 Pine Hill Terrace; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45 Selwyn Road; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 43 Frame Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Agnes Gray, 17 Grey Street.

OAMARU, Baptist Hall, Severn Street, at 2.30 p.m., every 2nd Monday in the month. Pres., Mrs J. J. Clarke, Tyne St.; Sec., Mrs Scott, 61 Eden St.; Treas., Mrs McKenzie, Clyde St., Newborough; Asst. Treas., Miss Milligan; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hutchinson and Reid, and Misses Wilson, M. Milligan, and Smyth; Band of Hope Supt., Miss Hilliker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett, 63 Eden St.; Press Reporter, Mrs Scott; Asst. Reporter, Miss Hilliker.

ORMONDVILLE, 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in the Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Wilson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Small; Sec., Mrs Jewling; Treas., Miss Thomassen; W.R. Agent, Mrs Packer.

OPOTIKI, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jas. Thompson; Sec., Mrs J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs M. Downey; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hambly; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Jamieson.

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Vice-Pres., Mrs D. Hawke; Sec., Mrs C. W. Tritt; Treas., Miss Caverhill; Evangelistic, Miss Gainsford, Mesdames Robertson and Tritt; Cradle Roll, Mrs Bol and Mrs Cooper; Notable Days, Mrs Jones; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Fox; Home Meetings, Mrs S. Gainsford and Mrs Graham; White Ribbon, Mrs D. Hawke; Band of Hope, Miss Gainsford; Young People's Branch, Mrs R. Comyns; Flower Mission, Mesdames Jamieson and Robertson.

OTAHUHU, meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Greenwood; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor, Station Rd.; Treas., Mrs McNarey, Nikau Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. West, Pannure Road.

OTAUTAU, meets 2nd Thursday, in Methodist Church, at 3.30. Pres., Mrs J. N. Brown; Sec., Miss Donnan; Treas., Mrs Fisher; W.R. Supt., Mrs E. Harrington.

PAHIATUA, first Thursday in month, Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. D. Wilson; Treas., Mrs O. Johnson, Victoria Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Rennie Riccarton Road; Hon. Sec., Miss M. Edmed, D.H. School.

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st and 3rd Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Young, No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert W., Cor. Sec., Mrs J. G. Collins, 16 Amesbury St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs T. R. Hodder, 9 Alan St.; Treas., Mrs E. Watson, 13 Carroll St.; "White Ribbon" Supt., Mrs J. Burrell, 28 Bourke St.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Salvation Army Hall, Sydney Street, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cole, c/o Mrs Corner, Nelson Street, Petone; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Collins, Mrs Corner, Mrs Barrow, Mrs Murtatroyd; Rec. Sec., Mrs Jensen; Cor. Sec., Miss Avison, 69 Fitzherbert Street, Petone; Treas., Mrs Doneghue,

31 Vivian Street, Wellington; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bradbury, 18 Te Puni Street, Petone.

PICTON, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of England Presbyterian, and Methodist Schoolrooms, alternately. Pres., Miss Harris; Vice-Pres., Mrs Brewer, Auckland Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Wilkes; Rec. Sec., Mrs Tobell; Treas., Mrs Wells; Cradle Roll, Miss Powick; Y. Supt., Mrs Burroughs; W.R., Mrs Fowler; Wellington Street.

PLEASANT POINT, meets 1st Wednesday, at 3 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Miss Bishop, Pleasant Point; Sec., Mrs Miller, Pleasant Point; Treas., Miss C. G. Munro, Pleasant Point; W.R. Agents, Miss A. Neilson, Pleasant Point, and Miss Seaton, Totara Valley.

PORT CHALMERS, 3rd Thursday, 3 p.m., Currie St. Hall. Pres., Mrs Johnson, Currie St.; Sec., Miss Gunn; Treas., Mrs Smillie; W.R. Agent, Miss Paton, Daly St.

PONSONBY, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Stephen's Church, Jervois Road, Ponsonby. Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, 7a. Hamilton Road; Sec., Miss Read, Fernbank, Whittaker Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs Oliver, 27 Pollen Street; Treasurer, Mrs Kasper, 2 Turner Street; Evangelistic, Miss Braithwaite, 11 Picton Street; Anti-Gambling, Miss M. Pyle, 7a. Hamilton Road; W.R. Agent, Miss S. Pyle, 7a. Hamilton Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs Andrews, 1 Crummer Road.

RAKAI, meets on the 2nd Thursday, in St. Andrews Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Boag; Sec., Mrs Hopwood; Treas., Mrs Evison; W.R. Supt., Miss Amy Oakley.

RAWENE, 3rd Wednesday, Pres., Mrs H. Ashworth; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bawden; Sec., Mrs P. Lane; Cradle Roll Sec., Mrs Herk; Librarian and W.R. Agent, Mrs Johnson; Press Reporter, Mrs H. Ashworth.

RICHMOND (Nelson), 3rd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Tarrant; Vice-pres., Mesdames Cropp, Fittall, and Oliver Sutton; Sec., Mrs Crabtree, Gladstone Road, Treas., Mrs B. Cropp, Salisbury Road; W.R. Agent, Miss Dyson, "Althorpe."

RIVERTON, meets 1st Monday, in Committee Room, More's Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. H. Gray; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fordyce and Mrs Philp; Sec., Mrs T. Borland, Havelock Street; Treas., Mrs J. Cassels; W.R. Agents, Miss Birch and Miss McGregor.

STRATFORD, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs M. T. Phillips; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lilley and McCallum; Sec., Mrs A. Pawcett, Juliet Street; Treas., Mrs S. Robinson, Olivia Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ellis; W.R. Agent, Mrs Kelly, Regan Street.

SAWYER'S BAY, 4th Tuesday, in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Hudson; Rec. Sec., Mrs Wallis; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hudson; Treas., Mrs Findlay; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Perry; Supts. Cradle Roll, Mrs Cook and Miss Andrews.

SYDENHAM, first Thursday, in Baptist Schoolroom, Colombo St. Pres., Mrs Sirett; Sec., Mrs Smith; Treas., Mrs Gillard; W.R. Agent, Mrs Clay.

TE KUITI, meets 2nd Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Edgar, Waitete Road; Sec., Mrs G. Elliott; Treas., Mrs J. Nicholls, Matai Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hill.

TAURANGA, meets every 3rd Friday, in Methodist Hall, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Carlton Smith "The Knoll," 11th Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs York, 1st Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs Castles, 3rd Avenue; Treas., Mrs Teasey, Edgecumbe Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Foxcroft, Cameron Road.

TAKAPUNA, meets 1st Thursday in the month, at 2.30 in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs Penning; Vice-Pres., Mrs Mills, Miss Rushbrook; Sec., Mrs Lewis, (Croydon) Victoria Rd; Treas., Miss Mills, Earnock Av; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Winstone; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan.

TEMUKA, meets 1st Friday, 3 p.m. Pres., Nurse Cameron, c/o Mrs Sims, Allnutt Street; Sec., Mrs E. Blackmore, St. Leonards; Treas., Miss E. Greaves, King Street; Rest Room Supt., Miss G. Hancox, King Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wilson, c/o Bramwell Booth Boys' Home.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs Norrie, c/o A. C. Martin, Esq., Beverley Road; Sec., Mrs M. Minifie, 11 Roslyn Terrace; Treas., Miss Pearson, 23 Turnbull Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs J. R. King, 118 North Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cave, Raymond Street; Scientific Temperance, Mrs Odell, Arthur Street.

TINWALD, 2nd. Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carters Terr; Treas., Miss Turner.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Roy, Deep Creek, Waituna; Sec., Mrs Elder, Waituna; Treas., Mrs Simpson, Belt St., Waimate; "White Ribbon," Mrs Graham, Rhode St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Vigers.

WAITARA, Knox Church, 3rd Friday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Andrews Brixton; Sec., Mrs Jensen, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs Hughson, Cracroft Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hingley, Blake Street.

WAIKAWA, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Hugh McLean, Waverley Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Neal, Robertson, and Bott; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, Rose Street; Treas., Miss Johnson, Rose Street; W.R. Supt., Miss Bibby.

WAIKURAU, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Smalles; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harding, Major and Taylor; Sec., Mrs Reid; Treas., Mrs Robinson; W.R. Agent, Mrs McLean.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs Goodey 26 College St., Cor. Sec., Mrs L. Upton, 165 Victoria Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs Piper, 3 Koromiko Rd., Treas., Mrs Warwick Great North Rd., St. John's Hill; Asst. Treas., Mrs Mara, Sydney Place; W.R. Agent, Mrs James Grant, 55 Plymouth St.

WANGANUI EAST, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs A. Duxfield, Okola, Wanganui; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. J. Andrew, 91 Jellicoe Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs E. Frethey, Durie Hill; Treas., Miss Francis Brown, No. 3 Line; L.T.L., Miss Siddells; Evangelistic, Mrs Dowsett.

WAVERLEY, first Thursday, in W.C.T.U. Rest Room, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs H. S. Barrow; Cor. Sec., Mrs T. W. Wall; Treas., Mrs R. Johnstone; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Elmslie; W.R. Agent, Miss M. Johnstone.

WELLINGTON SOUTH, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Rooms, Constable Street. Pres., Mrs Wright, 127 Constable Street; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Moller, 6 Burwah Street. Y Branch Rooms, alternate Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Miss Kirk, 60 Pirie Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harry, Evans and Murphy; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Costin Webb, 26 Talavera Terrace; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson, 23 Marama Cres; Treas., Mrs Helyer, 538 Oriental Bay; W.R. Supt., Miss Hamilton, 9 Atiawa St., Petone; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Anderson, 60 Pirie Street.

WHANGAREI, 1st. Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Meth. Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goodall; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lochore, Lovatt, Adj. Vyle, Curtis and Woolfaxal; Sec., Mrs Hills, Norfolk Street; Treas., Mrs Hughes; Asst. Treas. and Sec., Miss Hilford; W.R. Supt., Mrs J. McKinnon; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lovatt; Maori Work Supt., Miss Dreaden; Press Reporter, Mrs Hills; Notable Days, Miss Hilford.

WINTON, Meets 3rd. Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs T. A. McWilliam, Winton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames J. R. Hamilton, McWilliam, McKillop, Anderson; Sec., Mrs J. A. Wilson, Park St; Treas., Mrs J. A. Wilson, Park St; W.R. Agent, Mrs F. Cole, Park St; Evan. Supt., Mrs Anderson.

WOOLSTON-OPAWA UNION, meets 1st Tuesday, in the Methodist Schoolroom, Opawa, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. D. Jenkins, 9 Westby Street, Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs. Morley Palmer, 8 Ensors Rd., Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs T. W. West, 16 Opawa Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. H. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa.

WYNDHAM, 3rd Thursday, at 2.15 p.m., in Presbyterian Church Hall. Pres., Mrs Loddell; Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. Chalmers; W.R. Agents, Miss Ayson and Miss McKay.